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THE ORIGINS OF FORT BENNING

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In his 1967 Veteran's Day speech at Fort Benning, President Lyndon Johnson called the Infantry Center "a cradle, ... a college, and a crossroads," and remarked that Fort Benning stood "at the beginning" of so much history. Indeed, the establishment of Camp Benning in 1918 signaled the end of one era of American history and the beginning of another. A year earlier the United States had cast aside Washington's advice to stay out of European affairs, and entered World War I on the side of the Allied Powers (Great Britain, France, Italy, and Russia). For the first time in our history, the entire nation mobilized for war. Suddenly, America found herself totally unprepared for such an endeavor. In fact, in 1917 there was no Infantry Training Center in the United States. There was a School for Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, and a School for Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but no School for Infantry. This seems incredible given the majority of the army was infantry. Today, after the experiences of two world wars, few would question the need for a "School for Infantry." But in 1917 few understood the need for such an institution. This stemmed in part from a traditional fear of standing armies, but perhaps more from the inflated reputation of the so-called "citizen soldier." I will trace the historic roots of Fort Benning, focusing primarily on the "crossroads" President Johnson spoke of, so that we can see why the establishment of an Infantry Center, here in 1918, was so crucial to our country's military preparedness, and was thus a major turning point in American history.

During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington continually found the Continental Army lacking the uniformity of drill, the similarity of organization, and the teamwork that would enable it to meet the British on the field of battle. To create a force capable of matching the British regulars required officers with some tactical skill and, perhaps even more important, officers and non-commissioned officers who could train their men in the school of the soldier. But finding and developing good leaders remained a source of constant frustration for Washington throughout the war.

In a similar fashion, General John J. Pershing found the task facing him in 1917 equally depressing. As he later wrote: "I had been placed in command of a theoretical army which had yet to be constructed, equipped, trained, and sent abroad." But unlike Washington, Pershing had strong support in the Congress. For example, on 23 April 1917, Senator John W. Weeks from Massachusetts told his colleagues:

When our men went to the border last year, a very considerable percentage -- possibly as many as one-half -- had never fired a rifle and nearly as large a proportion had never had an hour's drill.

Weeks, who later served as Secretary of War under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, noted that America had never been prepared to fight a war. That Washington and Pershing fully understood this, and knew what steps had to be taken to surmount the short comings of their respective military establishments, can be seen in the measures they took to mold their armies into effective fighting forces.

While encamped at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777, Washington instructed the bogus "Baron von Steuben" to give the Continental Army tactical training comparable to European standards. It was not long before Friedrich Wilhelm Steuben made his presence felt. One of his first acts was to

organize the officer corps into an instructor cadre. He introduced them to a system of small unit tactics and drills, and then dispatched them throughout the army to transmit what they learned. With the help of Alexander Hamilton, Steuben published a "Blue Book," as it was called, which prescribed drill regulations, tactics, and general military routine. Steuben then used the same technique, first to train non-commissioned officers (or sergeants), then the rest of the army.

Pershing's task 140 years later was equally formidable. The organized strength of the army on 1 April 1917 was 127,588 regulars, and 80,446 national guardsmen -- a total of 208,034 officers and men. Before the war ended in November 1918, a year and a half later, the army would need 200,000 officers alone, and 4,000,000 men. How was Pershing to train these soldiers? Steuben's method would simply not work with such a massive military force. In fact, it had not really accomplished Washington's goal during the Revolution. That's because it takes considerable time to educate and train soldiers. Fortunately, America had the time in 1917 to train her army. But this was the exception, not the rule. Throughout our history, the myth of militia prowess had hindered the establishment of an infantry training center. Never the less, there were a few enlightened soldiers who had argued the case for the Infantry.

Following the Revolution, Washington, in his "Sentiments on a Peace Establishment" (1783), had urged Congress to create schools for the soldier, and particularly one for the officer corps. But it was not until 1802, ironically during the Jefferson Administration that Congress finally voted funding for a United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Still, there were no training centers for the troops. Enlistees reported to their respective regiments and there received a rudimentary training at best. Thus, when Congress declared war against Great Britain in 1812, the army was virtually as heterogeneous and disorganized as it had been when Steuben had begun his work at Valley Forge 35 years earlier. And in the early battles of the war, America paid the price for unpreparedness. Later, the regular force won several resounding victories, but most Americans chose to remember its early disasters and Andrew Jackson's stunning victory at New Orleans instead. In the eyes of many, the citizen-soldier at New Orleans had performed just as well as the professionals at Chippewa. Fortunately, Congress knew better. It had had to evacuate the capital in 1814, and that memory helped to secure increased funding following the war.

In 1826, Major General Edmund P. Gaines, after a long and patient effort, persuaded the War Department to authorize the establishment of an "Infantry Post" at St. Louis, for the purpose of organizing an "Infantry School of Instruction." Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis thus became the Infantry's first school. The bulk of the army's infantry was assembled there in 1826 and 1827. Though the idea of the school had initially been to train enlisted men, thereby insuring some measure of standardization within the army, the plan was quickly expanded to include officers. Soon, the principal function of the school was to educate and train officers. Unfortunately, as memories faded, so did congressional support. Within two years the War Department had changed its priorities, and the regiments stationed at St. Louis were dispersed one by one to Minnesota, the Missouri Valley, and even Maine to ward off any danger to the settlements there. By the fall 1828 the school had ceased to function, on 24 November that year it was officially closed.

However "primitive" by today's standards it may appear, the Infantry School of Instruction at St. Louis was a great step forward in the advancement of infantry training. It was the first concrete expression of Washington's idea of a permanent school to teach the tactics and techniques of the infantry. Although its existence was only temporary, enlightened soldiers recognized the school's worth. Even some of its original skeptics acknowledged its value in their report to the Secretary of War. Still, the need for well-trained infantry soldiers was not fully perceived in the Army, or accepted by the nation. Elation and overconfidence from having defeated the British in two wars, and success in having driven the Indians steadily westward, led most Americans to doubt the need for a well-trained infantry

force. Our country was growing fast, and its sense of "Manifest Destiny" occupied the minds of the people, who were not overly concerned with military preparedness. And rightfully so. What really threatened our liberty 150 year's ago? If an thing, it just might have been a well-trained military force. So wrote Alexis de Tocqueville in his classic work, Democracy in America, which first appeared in 1835. Nevertheless, a few enlightened soldiers continued their quest for military schools in the United States.

Following the bloody experience of the Civil War, William Tecumseh Sherman became the architect of a new kind of professionalism in the Army. During his tenure as Commanding General of the Army, from 1869 to 1883, Sherman established a system of post graduate schools through which an officer could not only learn the skills of his particular branch of the service, but also the functions of higher command. Schools of Instruction were established for the engineers, the artillery, the signal, and the medical corps. In 1881, Sherman founded a School of Application for the Infantry and Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth to educate selected officers in the art of high command. Finally, 1892, the Army established a separate school for the cavalry, but no such school for the infantry. As one contemporary put it:

Perfection in close order drill, individual marksmanship, the mechanical deployment and advance of linear skirmish lines, and a smattering knowledge of patrolling, were the main criteria of good infantry. Every cavalry and artillery officer felt himself equal to commanding infantry in battle, but guarded the technique of his own branch as a secret which the infantry mind could not ... penetrate.

Paradoxically, the noted Harvard social scientist, Samuel Huntington, wrote 75 years later in his book, The Soldier and the State, that the post-Civil War years were "the most fertile, creative, and formative in the history of the American armed forces." Nothing could be further from the truth. It took the Army over 100 years to recognize the importance of training and educating its soldiers. At best, these new schools lagged far behind the standards George Washington had once prescribed. The fiasco of the Spanish American War of 1898 clearly demonstrated this, but once again, most Americans chose to remember the charge of the so-called "Rough Riders" up San Juan Hill instead of the extent of our unpreparedness. Even against a third-rate power like Spain, the Army performed relatively poorly. What would happen against a first-rate power like Germany? Clearly, the post-Civil War years were not "the most fertile, creative, and formative in the history of the American armed forces."

After the Spanish-American War the Army underwent important organizational and administrative changes aimed in part at overcoming some of the most glaring defects revealed during the war. Although the nation had won the war with comparative ease, many enlightened soldiers and civilians realized that victory was attributable more to the incompetence of the enemy than to any special qualities displayed by the Army. Perhaps no one appreciated the need for reform more than Elihu Root, a New York lawyer appointed Secretary of War in 1899 by President McKinley. Beginning in 1899, Root outlined in a series of masterful reports his proposals for fundamental reform of Army institutions and concepts in order to achieve that "efficiency" or organization and function required of armies in the "modern" world. Root concluded that the true purpose of any army must be "to prepare for war," and thus took prompt steps to reshape the American Army into an instrument of national power capable of coping with the requirements of modern warfare.

One of the most important changes that resulted from the "Root Reforms" was a thorough reorganization of the Army's educational system. The overall objective of the new program was to raise the standards of professional training for both officers and men. In 1901, the War Department directed the establishment of "schools of application" at each army post for the training of non-commissioned officers and men; "branch schools" for cavalry, artillery, engineer, signal, and medical officers; a

General Staff and Service College to train selected officers in the employment of combined arms, and to prepare them for high-level command and staff positions; and finally, a War College for senior officers. But once again, the Army saw on need for an "Infantry" branch school. Nevertheless, one enlightened officer took independent steps to correct this deficiency.

On 21 February 1907, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, father of Douglas MacArthur, established the "School of Musketry" at the Presidio of Monterey, California. Although the "official" mission of the school was to raise the marksmanship standards of the Pacific Division (at that time the Army was divided into territorial divisions, and MacArthur commanded the Pacific one), there can be little doubt that MacArthur intended to create an "Infantry School of Instruction" similar to the one at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, 80 years earlier. The curriculum, an ambitious one for those days, aimed at both the practical use of and more importantly, the theoretical study of the rifle, the revolver, and the machine gun. Officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers spent hours firing each of the weapons and studying their application on the battlefield. Each class averaged approximately 8 officers and 75 enlisted men. By so structuring the curriculum to include the theory of arms, MacArthur legitimately included courses that taught the tactical deployment, maneuver, and logistical support of infantry units in battle. It was an ingenious concept. One of the most significant indications of the progressives of this school was its quick perception of the airplane as a menace to the infantry. This resulted in a series of experimental tests in 1911 using massed rifle and machine gun fire to shoot down box kites representing airplanes. The War Department soon recognized the value of the School of Musketry, and drafted plans to move it to a central location, where the entire Army could benefit from one man's courage and initiative. After six years at the Presidio, the School of Musketry was formally transferred to Fort Sill in 1913.

With the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 came the slow realization that America could no longer remain isolated from world affairs. In August 1917, just 3 months after America's declaration of war, the School of Musketry was officially changed to the "Infantry School of Arms," and its curriculum was expanded to include instruction in basic infantry skills. The mission of the new school was expanded to include instruction in basic infantry skills. The mission of the new school was "to train officers and non-commissioned officers for their important duties as fire leaders in battle and to provide trained instructors for the regimental schools." Each class now averaged 400 students, and it was soon apparent that Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was not adequate for the training of both the Infantry and the Artillery. President Wilson's able Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, directed the Army to begin a search to find the most suitable location for the new Infantry School of Arms.

On 21 May 1918, the War Department issued Special Orders Number 119, appointing Colonel Henry E. Eames head of a board of officers to meet at Fort Sill "for the purpose of selecting a site for the Infantry School of Arms." Paragraph Four of this order reads:

In regard to the size of the firing area, it is believed that not less than 400 square miles will be necessary to meet the minimum requirements of the school, which is to be organized to train a minimum of 600 non-commissioned officers and 102 officers per week in a ten week course.

The board consisted of 3 infantry officers: Colonel Eames, Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Reese, and First Lieutenant George V. Pope; and one medical officer: Major Thomas S. Lowe. Eames and his colleagues considered a number of possible locations, but disqualified most due either to severe winter weather conditions, unsuitable terrain for training and maneuver, remoteness of the site, or excessive transportation costs when moving men and equipment to and from the site. After several months of deliberation, the board narrowed its options to three locations: Fayetteville, North Carolina,

Columbus, Georgia, and West Point, Kentucky. In early September 1918, the War Department chose Columbus, Georgia, officially because it was north of the malaria belt.

Unofficially, inter-service rivalry may have played a role in the selection of Columbus as the new home of the Infantry. During the same time Colonel Eames and his associates were searching for an Infantry training site, the Artillery was also looking for an area larger than Fort Sill. According to Lieutenant Pope, the Infantry Board had originally recommended Fayetteville, North Carolina, as its first choice. But General Peyton March, the War Department Chief of Staff, and an artilleryman, was so impressed with reports about Fayetteville, that he is reported to have remarked: "If Fayetteville is all that damned good and the infantry wants it, maybe the artillery should have it." Not coincidentally, the Artillery acquired Fayetteville as its new training area. That left Columbus as the best available site for the Infantry. On 18 September 1918, the War Department directed the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill to move "all its personnel, property, and equipment to Columbus, Georgia, by October first."

News of the War Department's decision to establish the Infantry School of Arms near Columbus thrilled most local residents. It was the climax of nearly two years of civic effort to locate a major Army training center in this area. Since early 1917, when the War Department had announced its intention "to choose a camp site in the South to train men for the American Expeditionary Force," the Chamber of Commerce had inaugurated a campaign to bring that cantonment area to Columbus. The city sent delegates to Washington, Atlanta, and Charleston to arouse interest among Army leaders in the Columbus area. Within weeks, General Leonard Wood, then in command of the Southeastern Department at Charleston, sent his aide to inspect and report on the Columbus locality. Major Lee's favorable report was an auspicious beginning. Throughout 1917, Army inspectors had made at least four additional trips to Columbus, and each time they were favorably impressed. In fact, I found no unfavorable reports on Columbus. To the Army, this area appeared to be an almost ideal training location. Never the less, in July 1918, the Infantry Board had designated Columbus its second choice behind Fayetteville.

Disappointment followed the War Department's first announcement that had completed its selection of cantonment sites and Columbus was not among them. It appeared that all the valiant efforts of the local community had ended in defeat. The Columbus Ledger Newspaper and the Equirer-Sun Newspaper reported that "no city had sought more consistently to get a camp, and had met with less success." But to some residents, mainly from Chattahoochee County, a military post was "a menace to religion, home, and womanhood." On the other hand, this initial setback seems to have strengthened the city's determination.

It is here that Lieutenant Pope's observation about General March may have some validity. Shortly after the War Department's announcement excluding Columbus, Mr. Frank Lumpkin, Sr. and Senator William Harris arranged a little "get-together" in Washington for selected military and civilian leaders. Georgia hospitality, which included some of Mr. Lumpkin's finest corn whiskey, proved decisive. Within days, the War Department chose Fayetteville as the new training area for the Artillery. Now the Infantry had no home. Fayetteville had been its choice. Anger filled the hearts of many infantrymen; for the War Department had originally decided that the Artillery would remain at Fort Sill. With Fayetteville gone, the Infantry now focused its eyes on Columbus. On 17 August, John Betjeman, Columbus' resident agent in Washington, notified the Chamber of Commerce that the Army General Staff had approved plans to locate the Infantry School of Arms near Columbus. In his report, Betjeman wrote: "Major J. Paul Jones is here working on the plans and estimates for this school." The official War Department announcement came a month later on 18 September.

The task facing Major Jones was monumental. He had approximately two weeks to build a camp for approximately 1200 men. As he later wrote in his official report:

I was informed that troops were en route to Columbus,

Georgia, and that although there had been no money allotment made, nor had the project been formally approved by the Secretary of War, I was to proceed with the building of the cantonment.

At this point, the residents of Columbus rallied in support of the Army.

Major Jones and his party arrived in Columbus on the morning of 24 September, and were met by Colonel Eames and civic leaders. Together they outlined their strategy. They had approximately one week to plan, organize, and construct the camp before the troops would arrive on 1 October. A temporary site was located at the Alex Reid place, consisting of eighty-four acres, on Macon Road at Dixon Road, where Columbus Square Mall now stands. Here, I'd like to begin quoting from Major Jones' journal in order to give a flavor of the times. According to Jones, the project took on the "aura of a vast community effort." It reminded me of an Amish barn-raising.

The entire city of Columbus, organized through its Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations, helped build the camp. They assisted in securing both common and skilled laborers from the surrounding county. All lumber and mill orders from civilian sources were set aside, and orders pertaining to the camp were given the right-of-way.

The W.Z. Williams Company, contractors from Macon, Georgia, agreed to undertake the construction of this temporary camp and wait for their money until the proper authorization had been obtained to repay them.

On 25 September, the day after Jones had arrived in Columbus, the War Department Construction Division, under Project Number 209-1, authorized the expenditure of \$100,000 "to provide temporary accommodations for troops at Columbus, Georgia." Continuing, Major Jones writes:

The Columbus newspapers appealed for help, and the first Sunday, some forty trucks were loaned to the Government to haul lumber and materials to the camp site. In many cases, the truck owners themselves reported as drivers in order to help as much as possible.

Whenever problems arose, it was the community that solved them. As Jones states:

At first, the lumbermen insisted upon thirty-five dollars per thousand as their lowest price, and said they could not meet the emergency price of thirty dollars per thousand, which prevailed throughout the South. However, after appealing to their town pride and sense of patriotism, they agreed to meet the lower price of thirty dollars per thousand.

To the amazement of all, "roads were built, electric lights installed in the building, water mains laid, mess halls, warehouses, and 300 tent frames were practically completed when the troops arrived" on 6 October. In his final report, Major Jones wrote:

The entire camp was completed in 14 days, and there had been built in that time: four warehouses, five mess halls, eight latrines, eight bath houses (company size), one garage, one two-store infirmary, two

standard stables, one corral, fenced, sixty-five
officer pyramid tent floors, 300 enlisted tent floors,
and approximately two miles of gravel road.

It was a great accomplishment, and the beginning of a long tradition of mutual cooperation and friendship between the citizens of Columbus and the personnel of Fort Benning.

Meanwhile, on 5 October 1918, Colonel Eames had been appointed Commandant of the Infantry School of Arms. As the troops settled into their new home, Colonel Eames, his staff and Mr. Reynolds Flournoy (representing the Chamber of Commerce) began looking for a permanent training site. They selected an area south of Columbus on the plantation of Arthur Bussey. Action to acquire the land was initiated immediately. On 18 October, Columbus held a flag-raising ceremony to christen the new camp. In compliance with a request made in September by the Rotary Club, the cantonment area was named "Camp Benning," in honor of Confederate General Henry Lewis Benning -- the most renowned soldier from this vicinity during the Civil War. Miss Anna Caroline Benning, the late General's daughter, raised the ceremonial flag. The very next day, Congress approved an expenditure of \$3,600,000 for the purchase of what would become Fort Benning's 150,00 acre reservation. The purchase also included the large frame house named "Riverside," Arthur Bussey's summer home, which now serves as the home of the Commanding General. On 30 October, the Secretary of War approved a further expenditure of over 9 million dollars for the establishment of an Infantry School of Arms. Construction of this school began almost immediately.

With the Armistice of 11 November 1918 came the usual debate on the feasibility and justification of spending more money for the establishment of new military posts. After all, World War I was the war the at would end all wars. On 9 January 1919, Congress halted appropriations for any further construction at Camp Benning, and ordered the War Department to salvage and abandon the site. Obviously, this action disappointed both Columbus and the Army. In Washington, General Pershing tasked Colonel Paul D. Malone, the distinguished commander of the 23d Infantry Regiment in World War I (and later Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School), to prepare the Army's case before Congress. Malone's paper was brilliant, and here I'd like to quote his concluding paragraph.

It is undeniably true that our losses in this war have
been exceedingly heavy due to a lack of training, and
that losses of American lives in action will in the fu-
ture, as in the past, bear a close but inverse relation
to the extent to which the training of infantry in time
of peace is given to the leaders of infantry units.

In effect, what Colonel Malone and the Army were saying was clear. Most military leaders were students of history and did not believe that World War I was the war to end all wars. Interestingly, General Fox Conner, Pershing's operations officer during the war, told a young major by the name of Eisenhower that: (1) the harsh Treaty of Versailles made another war with Germany inevitable, and that it would come within 30 years; (2) the next war would be a coalition war and America would eventually enter it; and (3) the war would be won at great cost by the Western alliance under a unified command. These prophetic words clearly demonstrate the need for preparedness. Throughout our history, the training of infantrymen had been virtually ignored in peacetime. It was only after mounting casualties that America realized the folly of this policy. In fact, it was World War I that had provided the catalyst for the establishment of the Infantry Training Center. Now, it seemed that the nation was, again, refusing to except the evidence of history.

Meanwhile, in Columbus, civic leaders urged Major Jones to proceed with construction. Senator Harris assured Major Jones that while he could not order the Major to disobey his instructions, he could get him out of any trouble he might find himself in. Major Jones continued building the camp. In

March, Congress re-authorized the project. A month later, on 21 April 1919, General Perishing appointed Major General Charles S. Farnsworth to command the Infantry School. This appointment was key. Perishing was not disappointed with Colonel Eames; rather he wanted a general officer to command the school in order to send a clear signal to the rest of the Army regarding the importance of the Infantry. No longer would the infantryman be viewed as the lowest common denominator. Henceforth, the Infantry School would be the premier institution in the United States Army. Perishing sent Farnsworth to Benning with specific instructions to make it the largest and most influential post in the country. And today it is.

Looking back over the previous 140 years, from 1775 to 1918, we can now see why President Johnson called Fort Benning "a cradle, ... a college, and a crossroads." The establishment of Camp Benning in 1918 signaled the end of one era of American history and the beginning of another. The peacetime training of infantrymen was now a reality, something George Washington and other enlightened soldiers had always sought. How many lives this training has saved in battle will probably never be known. What is certain is the international reputation of the Infantry School as one of the finest military institutions in the world today.

TABLE OF CAMP BENNING PROPERTIES

by

Fort Benning Post Engineer Office

PE-15576 dated 13 Sept. 1951

A copy is in the Genealogy Room at the Bradley Library

(A) ACQUIRED TO DATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1920

DEED AND MAP NUM	NAME	LAND LOT NO.	CO	LAND DIST	BOOK	FOLIO	DEED AREA IN ACRES
206	ADAMS, ANN	139	C	7	M	87	2
256	ADAMSMRS. LOTTIE WEEMS & GEORGE H.	209,242,243,244 26,27,28,29	C	33	M	50	1240 ESTIMATE
207	ADAMS MRS. DERIL	208,260,13,19	C	33	M	130	1247.5
240	DA ET AL	22,23,24,176,197	C	7	M	88	
209	ADAMS, MRS. LILLIE C.	167,168,185,186 199,200,217	M	9	31	443	1413.5
224	A.M.E. CHURCH, ST. LUKE	123	C	6	M	95	BLDG.
242	A.M.E. CHURCH, MOSES CHAPEL	88	C	7	M	102	BLDG.
261	A.M.E. CHURCH, ST. PETERS	139	C	7	L	136	4
1	ANDREWS, NELLIE WILLIAMS	157,158,159,160,161 162,163	C	7	L	136,137	499
2	AUSTIN, W. N. JR.	115	C	6	L	382	50
3	AVERETT, C.L.	148,149,172	C	6	L	151	417.5
4	BAGLEY, MRS. PRINCE E. EST. (MRS. AMBER LIVINGSTON, ADM.)	175	C	33	L	260	192.5
5	BANKS, MARTIN ET AL	153	C	7	L	248	46
6	BANKS, VIOLET	153	C	7	L	305	54
7	BANKS, MRS. THOMAS H.	169,170,181	C	7	L	135,136	345
212	BASSETT, SEWELL	62	C	6	M	93	101 1/4
223	BAPTIST CHURCH, GOODHOPE	177,218	C	7,6	M	193,194	6.5

235	BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSVILLE MISSIONARY	68	C	6	M	127,128	1
236	BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSVILLE MISSIONARY	71	C	6	M	114,115	BLDG.
243	BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE	138	M	9	33	75	1
250	BAPTIST CHURCH, PROSPERITY	71	C	6	M	167	BLDG.
8	BECKER, WILLIAM	149	M	9	27	539	202.5
9	BENNING & COPENNY	18	M	7	28	311	21.7
10	BERRY, T.E.	111,114	M	9	27	375	218
11	BLACKMAR, O.A.JR.	174	M	9	27	413	20
12	BLACKMON, W.W.	138,139	M	9	27	538	243.5
13	BLANCHARD, W.R.	17,18	M	7	27	372	113
14	BLANCHARD & HUBBER, L.E.	172,173,174,179,180, 212,237	C	33	L	128	1230 3/4
210	BD. OF EDUCATION, MUSCOGEE COUNTY	248	M	9	33	12	1
217	BD. OF EDUCATION, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, OAK GROVE, HARMONY, GOOD HOPE, & HALLOCA SCHOOLS		C	7.6 7.6	M	103	BLDGS.
5	BOND, ELLA G.	118,139	M		27	437	252.5
16	BOLAND, MATTIE V.	146	M		27	371	52.5
17	BRADLEY, W.C. COMPANY	107,128,136,106 130,158,159 134,135,105,131 133,160,132,129	C	7	L	137,138	2337 3/8
18	BREWER, JOHN S.	7,112	C	33	L	129	158 1/4
19	BROADNAX, J.T.	137	C	6	L	345	120
20	BROWNING, JOHN O.	125	C	6	L	369,370	101 1/4

21	BULLOCK, O.C.	157,158,155,156,164, 165,166,167 184,159,185,186,187, 188,163	C	7	L	131	1984.5
22	BUSSEY, ARTHUR	108,102,103,100,1077 2,83,78,109 79,101,82,81,104,84	C	7	L	357 358	1782.5
208	CASTILLO, LEE & EHILA	159,160,161,162	M	6	33	14	189.6
213	CHANEY, JAMES	153,154	C	7	M	113	1
203	BUSSEY, B.W.	181,204,205,180,207, 210,211,238,239,240	C	33	L	26	1822.5
23	CHAPPEL, L.H.	26,27	M	7	28	454	
24	CHRISTIAN, J.R.	49,66	C	7	L	118	—
24	CHRISTIAN, J.R.	214,203,202	C	6	L	118	—
24A	CHRISTIAN, MARY E.	47,67	C	7	L	116,117	—
25	CHRISTIAN, R.W.	186,168,187,72 73,74,87,88	C C	6 7	269		1220 1/4
26	CLARK, JAMES ET AL	92	C	6	L	429,430	100
27	CLARK, GEORGE	152,141	C	7	L	250	303 3/4
28	CLARK, JOHN V.	154,139	C	7	L	193	50
216	CLAXTON, MRS. WILLIE B.	248	M	9	33	11	152.5
29	CLIATT, W.H.	107	M	9	27	376	98 3/4
30	CODY, W.E.	193	C	7	L	187	78
30A	CODY, W.E.	20	C	33	L	284	65
218	COFIELD, WALTER	124	C	7	M	36	1
31	COLEMAN, MALINDA	124	C	7	L	364	96.5
32	COLEMAN, MALINDA	154,139	C	7	L	376	40

33	COLEMAN, FOSTER	139	C	7	L	176	4
34	COLEMAN, GAINES	139	C	7	L	179,180	50
35	COLEMAN, JOHN	139	C	7	L	178	4
215	COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH, MT. CALVARY	139	C	7	M	94	1
214	COMMISSIONERS, CHATTAHOOCHEE	139	C	7,6	M	107	1/2
252	COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH, SWEETHOME	170	C	6	M	96	BLDG.
262	COLUMBUS M.E. CHURCH, MILES CHAPEL	286	C	6	M	197	BLDG.
263	COLUMBUS M.E. CHURCH, SHILO	181	C	33	M	195	BLDG.
36	COOK, J.T.	116,115	C	7	K	555	252.5
37	COOK, MRS. MOLLIE J.	180	C	7	L	263	28
38	COOKSEY, MRS. A.C.	115,142	C	6	K	566,567	272.5
39	COOKSEY, W.T.	115,118,110	C	6	L	223	271 1/4
40	CUSSETA NAVAL STORES	80,114,121,120	C	7	L	285	328 3/4
41	CUSSETA NAVAL STORES CO. TURPINTINE LEASE		C	6,7 33	L	296	—
42	DALTON, J.T.	202	C	6	L	209	177.5
43	DANIEL, JOHN W.	92	C	7	L	139	101 1/4
44	DAVIS, JOHN T.	37,38,39	M	7	27	255	607.5
45	DILLARD, MRS. MAMIE HARRIS	119,145	C	7	K	567,568	398
219	DIMON, JULIUS	184,201	M	9	33	17	287
46	DUKES, G.W.	175	M	9	27	565	101 1/4
28	ELLIS, JESSIE M.	18	M	7		60	37.5
48	ELLIOT, B.F.	122,121	C	7	L	167	151 1/4
49	ELLIOTT, B.F.	50,63,64,65	C	7	L	214	630

50	ELLIOTT, MISS ALICE	91	C	7	L	365	101 1/4
51	FARR, T.E.	108,109,86,74,75	C	7	L	257	284.5
220	FELDER, FLORA ET AL		M	6	33	16	50
221	FELTON, MRS. NELLIE MCFARLANE ET AL	103	M	9	33	10	101 1/4
52	FOSTER, W.R.	196,195,178,173	C	7	L	168	461 1/4
53	FOSTER, PERRY G.	137,138,139	C	7	L	372,373	98.1
54	FOX, MRS. ANNE	142,114	C	6	L	154,155	300
55	FULLER, MRS. DIXIE A.	123,124	M	9	28	451	7.5
56	FULLER, ERNEST C.	105	M	C.R.	28	450	1.49
57	GAINES, GUS	99	C	7	L	188	202.5
58	GAFFORD, W.H. & SIBBIE E.	93,117,200	C	7,6	L	169	595
59	GAMMELL, J.F.	142	M	9	27	569	151 1/4
60	GARDNER, DAVID	122,123	C	6	L	245	160
61	GARRETT, J.R. & GEORGE	121,122,135,154	M	9	28	324	810
62	GEORGE, LUCY	124	C	7	L	370,371	2
63	GEORGE, MINNIE L.	94,99,130,98,127	C	6	L	195	622.5
64	GINN, JOHN W.	215,216	M	9	28	354	153
65	GINN H.E. & J.W.	216,201	M	9	28	357	176 1/4
66	GINN, THOMAS D.	183,170,216	M	9	27	422	234
226	GINN, THOMAS D.	169	M	9	33	146	101 1/4
228	GINN, S.A.	214,202,203,183,182	M	9	33	15	624.5
67	GILBERT, SALLIE L.	154	C	7	L	351	93
227	GILMORE, MRS. MARTHA	150	M	9	33	148	150

68	GOROY, GEORGE G.	153	C	6	L	141	202.5
69	GREER, MRS. NANCY	245	M	9	27	309	202.5
229	GRISSOM, CHARLES G.	34	C	6	M	37	30
70A	HAYDEN, HATTIE	194	C	7	L	270	70
71	HARP, K.G.	172	C	33	L	132	101 3/4
72	HARP, MRS. A.D. (G.N.KING, ADM)	115,142,143,146 141,144,114,147	C	33	L	430 432	1099
230	HARRIS, EMMETT	141	C	7	M	89	3
231	HART, MRS. ELIZABETH WYNN, ET AL.	106	M	9	33	144	50
73	HARVEY, W.H. & WILLIS C.C.	106,120,119	M	9	27	313	465
74	HEWELL, NARCISSA	113,114,111	C	33	L	239	121.5
232	HEWELL, ROBERT A.	111	C	33	M	139	99 1/4
75	HEWELL	109,116	C	33	L	373,374	121 1/4
76	HEWELL, W.G.	126,127	C	7	L	344	9
77	HICKEY, MISS A.L. & JOHNNIE	215,214,212 213,146,145,119	C	6 7	L	212	918 1/4
78	HOWARD, DR. C.N.	109,110	C	33	L	114	166
79	HOWARD, C.N. SR. & G.H. HOWARD	204,181	C	6	L	149	403 3/4
80	HOWARD, G.H. & MRS. HOWARD	109,110,116	C	33	L	112	308 3/4
81	HOWELL, EDINBOROUGH	124	C	7	L	144	34
234	IDA VESPER UNION	98	C	7	M	123	1
82	JACKSON, ELLA	180,193	C	7	L	226	174
83	JEFFERSON, MARIETTA V.	108,182,183 191,192,189,190,21	C	7 33	L	145	1428.5
84	JENKINS, T.E. & WILLIS, R.L.	137,138,139,153,154, 169	C	7	L	379	354 3/4
85	JOHNSON, ALLICE C.	111	C	7	L	426	202.5
86	JONES, SARAH	61	C	6	L	388	77

87	JONES, WILEY	142	M	9	28	166	51 1/4
88	JONES, TOM	140	M	9	27	314	100 1/4
89	JONES, JOSIE & MRS. W.B. BRITT	104,105	C	6	L	155	405
90	KENDRICK, W.W.	147	M	9	28	126	51 1/4
91	KILPATRICK, FRANK	95,96	M	6	28	308	161 1/4
92	KING, G.W.	37,55,56,57,73,87 88,89,91,92,93 60,59,58,71,72,74 92,90	C	6	L	390	3432 1/4
93	KING, ELIAS L.	204,181,213,205	M	9	28	22	516 1/4
94	KING, G.D.	177,178	C	33	L	166	400
95	KING, G.W. JR.	213,236	C	33	L	291	370
96	KING, G.W.	103,109,131,132,102 122,123,101,110,111	C C	6 6,33	L	244	1305 1/4
97	KING, B.J.	205,212	C	6	L	249	202.5
98	KING, MRS. LULA H.	205,212	C	6	L	230	263 3/4
99	KING, CHARLES N.	123	C	7	L	227	100
100	KISSICK, S.P.	201,184,185,169,200	C	6	L	170	445.5
225	K. OF P. INDEPENDANT ORDER OF CALANTHE	134	C	7	M	101	0.1
237	LAHATTE, MRS. ELIZABETH J. EST.	92	C	7	M	13	101 1/4
101	KITCHENS, HARRISON	17	C	7	28	319	3.5
102	LAYFIELD, B.C.	96	C	7	K	568,569	96 1/4
103	LAYFIELD, J.B.	89,88	C	7	L	359	267.5
104	LAYFIELD, C.C.	52,53,62,63,51	M	7	27	313	768
105	LAYFIELD, C.C.JR.	109	C	7	L	150	52
106	LEONARD, FELIX	124	C	7	L	142	56 3/4
107	LEVY, ISABEL A.	16,17,18	M	7	27	423	108
238	LEWIS, ROBINA H.	30,29,RT OF WAY	M	7	33	9	10
108	LEWIS, ROBINA H. & JAMES A.	30,245,236	C	33	L	386	298

109	LEWIS BETSY	17,18	M	7	27	477	47 1/4
110	LIGHTNER, MRS. CLARK B.	111	C	6	L	228,229	101 1/4
211	LIVINGSTON, MRS. AMBER	150	C	6	L	259	202.5
111	LOVE, JULIA	154	C	7	L	262	1
112	LUMPKIN, FRANK G. & RANSOME M.	33,64,240	C	6,9	L	119,120	472.5
113	McBRIDE, S.J.	66,67,70	C	7	L	368,369	151 1/4
114	McBRIDE, CHARLIE	100,101	C	7	K	569,570	73
115	McBRIDE, C.E.	70	C	7	L	347	152.5
116	McBRIDE, E.L.	159,160,163,164,157, 130,129,128 158,176	M, C M	6 9	28 L	249 348	1504.5
117	McCUTCHEN, H.G.	174	M	9	27	551	102.5
118	McELVEY, C.L. ESTATE	125,126,127,137,138	C	7	L	366,368	595.7
119	McGURYT, W.O.	105,106	M	9	27	567	138 3/4
120	McMURRIAN, S.D.	143,150,151,172,179, 142	C	7	L	172	1113 3/4
120A	McMURRIAN, S.D.	112	C	6	L	159	202.5
121	MARTIN, W.R. & MEHAFFEY, C.R.	241	C	9	L	377	200
122	MEHAFFEY, C.R.	242	C	9	L	378	60
264	MILES, UNION LODGE NO.8	206	C	6	M	194	BLDG.
123	MILLER, MRS. MARY E.	110	C	6	L	243	90
124	MITCHEL, ADOLPHUS	96	C	7	L	192	15
239	MITCHEL, ADOLPHUS P.	113	C	7	M	39,40	101 1/4
125	MURDOCK, MATTIE	153	C	7	L	246	1
126	MOORE, E.H.	248	M	9	27	422	49 3/4
127	NEWSOME, MISS M.E. & MRS. F.M. MOYE	107	M	9	27	370	101 1/4
128	PARKMAN, W.T.	96,97,88,90,95	C	7	L	267	416 3/4
129	PARKMAN, D.R.	91	C	7	K	574,575	101 1/4

248	PATE, J.D. & E.J. SIZEMORE	34	C	6	M	33	10
245	PATTERSON, MATTIE H.	103	M	9	33	119	101 1/4
130	PEARCE, B.M.	71,124,125	C	7,6	L	255	485
131	PEKOR, C.F.	25,18,26,17	M	7	28	248	152 1/4
132	PETERSON, MITCHELL	124	C	7	L	140	4.5
133	PHILLIPS, C.D.	34	C	6	L	159	160
134	PHILLIPS, LUCY	124	C	7	L	153	4
135	POU, J. DOZIER & M.H. POU	16,17,18,26,27,17,404 1,50,51	M	7	27	408	1115.63
246	PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, MT. PARON	59,60	C	6	M	98	4.5
247	PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, PLEASANT HILL	250	M	9	33	13	BLDG.
249	POWERS, LYDIA	62	C	6	M	104	101 1/4
136	PSALMONDS, J.S.	106,107,108,117,139, 140,141,116,118	C	6	L	109,110	1620
137	PURVIS, L.L.	147	M	9	27	412	50
138	QUICK, DOROTHY M.	112	C	7	L	194	167.5
139	RANKIN, JOHN A.	161,162,163	M	6	27	451	360
140	RHEVARK, C.A.	115	C	7	L	352	101 1/4
141	RHEVARK, C.A.	120,137	C	6	L	353,354	240
142	RITCH, SARAH A.	208,209,232,233 249,250,240-65	M	9 6	27	254	1532.5
135A	POU, J. DOZIER	49	M	7	27	409	
143	ROBERTS, MRS. LUCY ET AL	94,95,67,68	C	6	L	428,429	385 3/4
144	ROBERTS, C.F.	69,68	C	6	L	427	207.5
251	ROBERTS, MRS. MARY ET AL	70	C	6	M	49	202.5
145	ROBINSON, T.F. & H.D.	199,231,218	M	9	28	468	342.5
146	ROBINSON, B.S.	35,36	C	6	L	384	177.5
147	ROGERS, A.N. & TAYLOR, J.M.	148	M	9	27	311	170

148	ROTHSCHILD, B.& H.	145,146	M	9	27	256	352.5
204	ROTHSCHILD, BERNHARD	153	M	9	26	317	202.5
205	ROTHSCHILD, BERNHARD	104	M	9	26	318	202.5
149	RUTHERFORD, DORA	154	C	7	L	308	8
241	SAPP, MRS. ELLA H. ET AL	113,144,145 8,9,113,144	C C	6 33	M	133	556
150	SAPP, W.A. & MRS. MARTHA W.	16,17,241,258 196	C	33 7	L	331	339
151	SAPP, W.G.	17,18,258,259,195	C	33,7	L	358	292.2
152	SCHLEY, MRS. MATTIE	45,46,19,18,25,42 203	H,C C	7 6	L 28	354,356 486	835 3/4
153	SCHLEY, MRS. F.V.	24,43	M	7	28	310	214 1/4
154	SCHLEY, CAMPBELL, BRINSON, DEASON	221,222, 46	C C	6 7	K	571,572	424
155	SCHLEY, MRS. LILLIAN	220	C	6	L	349	201.5
156	SCOTT, W.A. & W.W.	171,170	M	9	27	466	128
157	SHORTER, DELIA	174,175	M	9	27	566	60
158	SIMONS, S.B.	108,107	M	9	28	467	164
159	SIZEMORE, E.J. & PATE, J.D.	35,36	C	6	2	383	202.5
160	SIZEMORE, D.F. & R.D.	117,108	C	33	L	432,433	293.5
161	SKINNER, D.L.	150	M	9	27	371	2
162	SKINNER, L.W.	114,111	M	9	27	568	100
163	SMITH, MARY B.	175,178,177	M	9	28	469	193.2
164	SMITH, MRS. L.K. ET AL	237,238,239,244,240, 243	M	9	28	356	1187.5
165	SMITH, MRS. L.K. & RITCH	218,243 126,125,99,95	M C	9 6	28 L	452 457	479
166	SMITH, MRS. LEILA K.	236.246.206,212	M	9	28	309	672.5
167	SPRINGER, HARRIET A.	97,96,98 127,177,178	M M	6 9	27	425	644
168	STANTON, WILKES ET AL	139	C	7	L	177	6
168A	STANTON, WILKES	153	C	7	L	133	50

169	STEPHENS, JOHN CO.	112,111,108	C	33	K	550	284
170	STEPHENS, C.V.	173,149,172	C	6	27	373	50
171	STEWART, J.M.	106	M	9	27	373	50
244	SUPREME CIRCLE & K. OF P. SCHOOL BLDG. & SOCIETY HALL	123	C	6	M	99	BLDG.
70	SURLES, E.H.	194	C	7	L	261	28
172	SURLES, THOMAS J.	194,193	C	7	L	225	60
173	TAFF, C.M.	173	M	9	28	59	152
174	TAFF, WILLIAM M.	182,172,173	M	9	28	124	236.9
175	TALBOT, JAMES F.	171,170,182	M	9	28	355	142 1/3
176	TAYLOR, ANN	114	C	7	L	374,375	101 1/4
177	TENNEY, HIRAM	215	M	9	28	449	20
178	THOMAS, WALTER A.	140,123,122,141	C	7	L	294	356 1/4
179	THOMAS, GEORGE J.	147	M	9	27	436	101.5
180	THORNTON, LOTTIE	61	C	6	L	389	115
253	THORNTON, S.J. ESTATE	100	C	6	M	90	101 1/4
181	THORNTON, AL.	66,63	C	6	L	191	148.87
182	THORNTON, J.H.	66,65,63	C	6	L	189	254.12
183	TWIGGS, MRS. ESTER L.	150,139	M	9	28	355	56
233	U.B.A.SOCIETY HALLOCA LODGE #1	61	C	6	M	100	1
254	UNDERWOOD, W.H. & MRS. MITTIE L.	67,68	C	6	M	34,35	188 1/4
184	VAN HORN, MRS. FREDONIA	147,148,174,212	C	7,6	L	299	643 1/4
185	VAN HORN, W.I.	188,189,195,196,197	C	6	L	298	710.5
186	VAN HORN & LESTER	133,134,135,136,154, 155,156,165,166,167, 190,183,198,199 219,122,157,163,164, 168,169,185,187,188, 189,184,195,217 68,69	C	6	L	301	4710
253	WALKER, JENNIE ET AL	206,205,212	C	33	M	91,92	378 3/4

187	WALKER, JOHN T.	36	C	6	L	385	25
188	WARDLAW, W.M.E.	RT OF WAY	M	COWETA RES.	28	90	
189	WHATLEY, J.T. CO.	143	M	9	27	256	202.5
190	WEEMS & ADAMS	180,146,147,174,175, 208,209,210,211 143,145,176,177,178, 179,207 144,149,171,181 169,170 173,174,177,180,196, 257,258,25,209 241,13,14,15	C C C	6 7 33	L	286	5327.5
191	ADAMS, MRS. LOTTIE WEEMS & GEO.M.	175,176	C	7	L	295	385
192	WILLIAMS, H.H.	168,169,154,	C	7	L	306	30
193	WILLIAMS, KING	138	M	9	27	549	50
194	WILSON, J.G.	115	C	7	L	186	50
195	WILLIS, JOHN L.	RT. OF WAY,123	M	C.R.	28	470	7.49
196	WILSON, J. GORDON	195,17,18,19,259 267	C	9,33	L	425	274.8
197	WILSON, JAMES & J.G.	176,11,175,176	C	6,33	L	185	353 3/4
198	WILSON, G.F.	194	C	7	L	215	125
199	WHYTE, MARIE L.	7,8,14,RT. OF WAY	M	7	27	550	
257	WILLIS, CORNELIUS ET AL	124	C	7	M	38,38	1
260	WOODRUFF, HENRY L.	151,152,170	C	6	M	40,41	607.5
258	WOOLFOLK, MRS. ANNIE K.	54,36,55,61,60,59 RT. OF WAY, 14,29,30	M C	Z 7	33	383	297.55 8.51
259	WOOLFOLK, EDWARD G.	61,59,60,67 77,78,79,83,84	M C	7	32 M	131 154	512
200	WRIGHT, MRS. CARRIE A.	195,18,259	C	7,33	K	573	55.6
201	WYNN, E.L.	105	M	9	27	478	101 1/4

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278	A.M.E. CHURCH, ST. JAMES	46	C	7	M	219,220	1
265	ANTHONY, M.A.	116	M	9	34	288	101 1/4
266	CUNNINGHAM, W.I.	137	M	9	34	292	101 1/4
267	DORINGTON, D.P.	148	M	9	34	283	25
291	DAVIS, D.W.	174,176	M	9	34	278	90
268	FLINT, JAMES	17,18	M	7	34	280	40
269	GRIEFITH, ALLICE C.	110	C	7	M	217,218	101 1/4
271	KING, G.D.	94	C	7	M	221,222	202.5
272	LAMB, ELLA MAY	110,125	C	7	M	227,228	202.5
273	LAYFIELD, B.C.	97	C	7	M	215,216	25
270	M.E. CHURCH, HARMONY	218	C	6	M	205,206	2
274	McBRIDE, ABBIE LEE	101,109	C	7	M	209,210	78
275	McCARDLE, C.L.	241,242	M	9	34	290	128.61
314	NEW HOPE SCHOOL	140	M	9	36	425	1
276	OCHILLEE LODGE & SCHOOL	68	C	7	M	207,208	BLDG.
279	O.F. ST PETER LODGE	140	C	7	M	225,226	1
315	OPRY, MRS. LAURA ESTATE	34	C	6	M	365	25
316	PARKER, MRS. S.C.	113	M	9	34	343	101 1/4
317	PATE, MRS. ANNIE F. ET AL	144	M	9	36	425	202 1/4
318	PSALMONDS, F.B. EST	216,215,201,138, 120 119,118,90	C	6	M	359	1091 1/4
			C	6,7			
277	ROGERS	113	M	9	34	277	50
280	SCOTT, W.A. & W.W.	151	M	9	34	285	102 1/4
281	SPELLERS, NEAL ESTATE	98	C	7	M	223,224	201 1/2

320	SCHLEY, MRS. A. & W.K.	19,20,21,22,23,24 42,43,44,46,47,48 218,222,223	M,C	7	M	373	2175
			M,C	6	36	478	
321	SIZEMORE, MRS. B.H.	110	C	33	M	233	21
322	SIZEMORE, D.E.	108,109	C	33	M	357	5
323	SLATON, MRS. R.A.	171,182	C	6	M	345	22767
324	SNELLING, J.R.	179,180,178	M	9	36	487	506 1/4
325	SNELLING, MRS. LENDRA	207,210,206,205	M	9	36	484	737
326	SNELLING, S.D.	211	M	9	36	480	202.5
327	STOCKDALE, MRS. S.R.	10	C	33	M	337	8
382	TALOR, ANN	97	C	7	M	211,214	25
283	THOMAS, GROVE CHURCH	148	C	7	34	203,204	BLDG.
284	TOMBLIN, E.T.	194	M	6	34	275	121 1/4
285	TOMBLIN, J.G.	194	M	6	36	282	81 1/4
328	TAFF, SARAH & MARY	213,214,234	M	9	36	475	167.93
329	TAFF, MRS. ARENA B.	172,171	M	9	36	440	257.5
330	THOMAS, MRS. B.C.	117,140,116	M	9	36	428	403 3/4
319	TOMBLIN, FRANK B.	113	M	9	36	424	50
286	WARNER, MRS. S.S.	152,137,151,169	M	9	34	287	506 1/4
287	WILLIS, PHILLIS	124	C	7	M	213,214	1.6

(C) ACQUIRED BY CONDEMNATION PRO. IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

288	BECKER, WM.	136	M	9	36	432	202.5
289	BECKER, W.M.	115	M	9	36	476	202.5
290	CANDLER, MRS. LIZZIE LEE	60,77	M	7	36	437	154
292	BAPTIST CHURCH, EMMONS	206	M	9	36	486	BLDG.
293	EVANS, ETTA	197	M	7	M	332	20
294	FLANAGAN, M.C.	182	M	6	M	339	177.33

295	FLETCHER, HENRIETTA	97	M	7	M	347	25
296	FLETCHER, NICK	97	M	7	M	343	25
297	GAINES, ANN EST.	85,76		7	M	353	299.5
298	GINN, L.D.	235,234,214,201,215	M	9	36	482	568
300	HARRIS, DORELY EST	113,121,122	C	7	M	349	277.5
301	JAMES, MRS. E.B. EST.	86,75	C	7	M	334	146.83
302	JAMES, J.H.	75	C	7	M	351	94.88
304	JOHNSON, MINNIE	217	C	6	M	355	36
305	JONES, BEN	139	M	36	36	341	101 1/4
303	JOHNSON, A.C.	112	C	9	M	442	50
306	KING, C.N. & W.H.	58	C	6	M	330	101 1/4
307	KING, G.D.	430	M	9	36	430	202.5
308	McBRIDE, J.J.	427	M	6	36	427	217.5
309	McCARTY, AMANDA EST.	17	M	7	36	433	3
310	McGLAMM, MRS. M.E.	111	M	6	M	363	101 1/4
311	MASSEY, S.C.	142	C	7	M	328	101 1/4
312	MINTER, C.C.	141	C	7	M	326	94 1/4
313	M.E. CHURCH, MT. OLIVE	243	M	9	36	438	BLDG.

POLE LINE EASEMENT ALONG GLADE ROAD

334	ROBENA, H. LEWIS	30,13	M	7	36	554
335	HAMP & MARIE McCARTER	13	M	7	36	552
336	ISABEL A. LEVY	13-9	M	7	36	553
337	MARIE L. WHYTE	9	M	7	36	551
338	NELL C. FREDERICK	9	M	7	36	549
188	W.E. WARDLOW	9,86,63,62	M	COWETA RES	28	90
339	D.A. ANDREWS	61	M	COWETA RES	36	555

TIMBER LEASES

NO.	NAME	COUNTY	BOOK	PAGE
331	BURGIN LUMBER CO.	C	M	367
332	BLAND-COOK LUMBER CO.	M	36	489
240	MCGREGOR LUMBER CO	C	M	88

Childhood Memories from 1909 - 1918

Written 1 August 1988 by Sarah Bussey Bickerstaff
daughter of Starlight and Arthur Bussey

"RIVERSIDE" was bought by Arthur Bussey in 1908 for \$50,000.00, quite a sum in those days. He began construction on the Big House and we lived at "Torch Hill", owned by Mr. John T. Davis where we rented a large house from him. This is now what is called the "Sand Hill Area". Our real house was at 1303 3rd Avenue in Columbus, now the home of John Pope Motor Company. Mother and Father had five children born here. Ruth Douglas Bussey died of poison milk in June, 1906. Arthur, Jr. was born 1909, died at John Hopkins, of Leukemia.

Father first had to dig out a pond to supply drinking water, etc. for the house and the plantation. Two more ponds were to follow, the first one was fed from a spring, icy cold and clear as Crystal, even on a hot day it was always cold, We grew Water Cress, Mountain Laurel and Rhododendrons around the sides of the pond.

The water was pumped by a ram to a large tall water tower at the top of the hill back of the house. It was Lee Vance Williams job to clean the ram. He was deathly afraid of snakes and sure enough just as he got out a moccasin bit him on his heel, Achilles Heel, so of course he was not poisoned as that was not a vital spot. One day some "Hands" were coming home from picking cotton. Lee Vance picked up a limb and screamed "SNAKE", they looked back and then they, too, screamed "SNAKE". You can imagine who outran them. He beat them back to the now well restored quarters.

Lee Vance was a man without equal, John got many spankings for following him to the saw mill, but was always safe when Lee Vance was around. The house caught on fire. At first we had cedar shingles, now replaced by heavy zinc, which is still used on the house today. Anyway, Lee Vance pulled all the burning shingles off with his bare hands. We always had an extension ladder and large hoses with long brass nozzles, not as large as a regular fire hose but powerful enough to spray for many feet. It would knock us on the ground, which it actually did on a hot summer day. Lee Vance came with us when we moved back to 3rd Avenue. His one fault was "Rot Gut" liquor. He passed out, relatives called Father who sent a doctor to pump out his stomach, but it was too late, he died. He never married, our cook Lucy Stukes adored him as did all of us.

Dr. DesPortes was another character. At that time there were four of us children at Riverside, according to the law of averages one of us children was almost always sick with something. To come out to Riverside was quiet a trip on dirt roads. At 25 miles an hour, 8 miles on the Glade Road was a real trip for Dr. Desportes. He loved hunting dogs, so he and his chauffeur, Will, in an open Dodge, brought the dogs with them to run free, which they could not do on 2nd Avenue in town. You can imagine how free they must have felt. Again, the hands were going home from the fields, and even though they had yards full of curs, they were afraid of other dogs. One colored woman told Father, Mr. Arthur, I jumped that fence and did not even tear my meat. The fence was about five feet high with barbed wire at the top.

Mother loved to raise chickens and also garden flowers. I will never forget huge "Elephant Ears" which we were told not to put in our mouths. Of course we did, Hot and stuck to the top of our

mouths. Back to chickens, biddies were subject to "pip" caused by hot weather. When some died we had a shoe box for the hearse, and another one for the mourners, this box had windows cut in the sides but the mourners did not always like to moan, so that ended the funeral. We buried moles, birds and chickens. I dug graves, but as I could not stand to touch feathers, the real interment was Eleanor's department. She put a cardboard marker at the head of one grave, it read "The Lord is my Shepherd". She had to show it to Dr. Desportes, I thought he would explode, Mrs. Bussey, why didn't you tell me"? When we were good he let us look at his skeleton above his drug store on Broad. He gave Eleanor a puppy, which she named "Beauty". It was killed by a car on 3rd Avenue.

We had a Studebaker Jr. two seated goat wagon, it held four children. The goat was bitten by a snake and died and Father very reluctantly gave us another one. I was the trainer, you guessed it, the goat went one way and I another, I never knew what happened to this day. By the way, we raised pigs, goats, cows, ducks, geese, chickens, guineas, peacocks, Belgian Hair rabbits and squabs. We ate possum, after being caged up for weeks and chitterlings, now we were raised to eat or try all foods, I will never again eat possum or chitterlings.

We used what we had for entertainment, we made peep holes, a hole with flowers in bottom with a piece of glass on top. Cups out of large acorns. We could run too well on acorns when we first moved out every summer but before the summer was over we could have run over red hot nails. We climbed one tree by the house, now gone, we would get "city girls" up this tree and leave them to get down as best they could. We always softened and got them down foot by foot. General Tom Tarpley called it our Bloomer Tree.

We were told not to go anywhere near when hog killing time, of course we did as soon as we could escape from Mother. It was not a pleasant sight, we made our own sausage in what was a basement, dug to house a furnace if we had used it for anything but a summer house. Our home was built just for the family but strong and sturdy. It was built with room for family, relatives and friends. It was certainly all of that.

I do not know how Mother and Father stood it, as soon as Father sent a wagon to move two baby beds, one for Arthur, Jr. and one for John, we were hardly settled before aunts, nieces, first cousins, friends, etc. descended on us. One large bedroom was occupied by Mother, Father and John. Eleanor and I occupied one together. The remaining four were bowl and pitcher type. But of course, they did not all come at once. We always had plenty of milk, cream, vegetables, meat and fruit in season from the large fruit orchard on the north side of the house. Mother grew raspberries, I never liked them. We also took a dim view about clabber.

We climbed a scuppernong arbor and the vines bled or ran. We raided Mother's very large linen closet of a perfectly good sheet which was stripped and tied up the wounds, of course, the vine did not die, but we never climbed it again. Father gave us an old chicken house nearby, the three of us were playing Indians, John was attired in an Indian feather head dress, a black and red bathrobe and black and red slippers. We saw a snake, I am sure it was a chicken snake. I do not know who got to the house first, Mother nearly had an attack as she thought one of us had gotten bitten. If you live in the country, if you cannot kill a snake you had reason to be afraid of one. I killed one once at our house on Country Club Road. Mother was a good mother, so we never had any darned socks. She bought some pretty cretonne in town which had peacocks in the design as we had peacocks all over the lawn. She cut the material out with the peacocks on their heads.

We had a lot of trouble with the bridge, at the bottom of the hill, first it burned and then it flooded. When it burned we had to be rowed across the creek in a bateau. Sometimes there was ice on the bottom. Father had a carpenter, Mr. Windham, who worked five days a week building or repairing. His daughter always brought him and picked him up later. She would meet us at the creek and take us to school. We went to the Columbus Seminary on 12th Street. It had been the site of a beautiful house, the old Beach House. We soon got tired of waiting for Miss Windham. Father and Mother then engaged Mother's niece, who was an orphan, dearly loved by us all. She taught us and the Harris children. He was head overseer and had a large family. He had a large unoccupied building which was vacant which we used for school. We later resumed school in Columbus.

Who said country is cool? Our rooms were upstairs with, of course, no fan, it was like sleeping on hot coals. Even though the porch was screened the misquotes did get in. We did not sleep under mosquito nets and we scratched so our legs were always broken out. Mother used tincture of green soap, first liquid soap I ever saw, then she wrapped us with gauze and poured on Gention Violet, which we bought by the quart. Every summer we took broken doses of calomel and cocoa quinine to help ward off malaria. Mother was to say the least inclined to be a hypochondriac, not only with herself but with us. She liked to bundle us up in the winter with high shoes and those horrible long drawers, it is a wonder we hid not have pneumonia.

We always had a chauffeur. Father said he was not going to break his arm cranking a car. He bought a Chevrolet Bel Air in about 1916. It had glass sides which could be removed. Going down hill to town the gear stick came out of the socket so Willis screamed "Miss Starlight", she was not at all mechanical, but said "stick it back in", strange to say it worked. Father taught himself to drive, you can imagine the grinding of those gears. I will tell you about Mother's name. One child wanted Rosie added, another one Blue. Old Miss Clegg whose husband made brogans waddled up the street and added Clegg. Her grandmother looked at her big brown eyes. She said "do away with all those names, she will always be my little Starlight". It became her legal name. Her real name was to have been Martha Susan.

On the porches, up and downstairs we had a sort of wire cage about two feet tall and the base was a place which held sugar water. There was a cone shaped wire mesh up the center which trapped the flies. We also had sticky flypaper and later fly strips. It was a fight for survival from insects. No antitoxin for lockjaw, I stepped on a nail, rusty at that, it went through my shoes and into my foot with no bad results.

Father had the Riverside Trading Post where the Patch School is now located. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter lived in the back of the store. It was a general store from soda water, in those days to horse collars, cotton material, candy, plows, etc. We always had to pay cash which we did not understand but later as we matured we knew why. The gin was close by, all the small farmers brought their cotton there to remove the seed and to be made into baled cotton.

We walked down the big road to see Mrs. Lamb, big and fat, big bosoms, which food fell on sometimes. We ate on the screened porch, Mr. Lamb sat at the head of the table in a straight chair, above his head was a rod with paper strips on it, a punkah, the idea of this was to shoo away flies and it worked. She gave us fried ham taboo at home, we ate big boy biscuits which you punched a hole in and poured in her homemade cane syrup. These biscuits were made of her homeground, homegrown whole wheat flour. We, too, made our own syrup, it was cooked in large cooper cauldron. a mule pulled a

long rod like thing. We squeezed the skimmings out of the stalks and the stalks then discarded. The skimmings were then placed in cauldrons to cook, it was watched with care for if it cooked too long it would turn into sugar. There is nothing that taste better than good freshly made cane syrup.

Father, Mother, John, Eleanor and I took the buggy after it was hitched and went on Saturdays and Sundays weather permitting and took a tour of the plantation. Eleanor and I sat on a jump seat in the back and every time the horse stopped we banged our heads against the back seat, not very pleasant. The purpose of the ride was to see what had been done during the week and to make plans for the next week's work.

We had a large herd of Holsteins, these gave a lot of good rich milk. Father always said it cost no more to feed a purebred than it did to feed a sorry cow. We had an enormous bull who was in a cage with heavy iron bars, when he was turned loose with the cows we had very strict orders to stay in the yard or house. We never guessed why the he was with the cows but we were deathly afraid of him. We had a large silo in which we put fodder for winter feed for the cows. We had a huge woodburning cast iron tractor with wide iron wheels, a pulley was attached to a conveyer belt to raise the fodder up into the silo where it was watered down. We also baled hay for the cows use.

We hollowed out short reeds made from elderberry plants. These plants have a bloom and elderberry wine is made from the blooms. Quiet a tedious job I have been told. After we had cored out the reeds we inserted chinaberries into the reed which became a sort of blow gun. They really stung. We also cut a y-shaped heavy twig at the top of which was fastened a heavy elastic band. We shot rocks with these sling shots. We also made homemade stilts, on the wobbly side. Today you buy them. Again, we made use of what we had. We never received a toy until Christmas. A cousin of ours, Zack Respass, made us a sort of ferris wheel, a stout pole in the center with a wheel on the top to which was attached heavy wires, which in turn were attached to wooden planks used as seats. There were two cross boards which went to the center pole. This is where we pushed. We also had a joggling board and several long rope swings, and also a see-saw.

Our clothes, sheets, towels, etc. went to the wash woman on Mondays. These items were always counted first then put in a large bag made of bed ticking. We always put in a large bar of Octagon soap, a box of Argo starch and a small can of blueing. They were always picked up on Friday and recounted. The wash women used heavy flat irons heated on charcoal in the summer and wood or coal in the winter. We were always careful not to put a needle on the bed for fear the needle would get into her hand. The women always had beautiful starched pillow shams on their beds. Always had a flower and vegetable garden. They threw greasy soapy water on their gardenias, therefore they never had white flies. They were heavily watered and fertilized. I still do it today. They were natural born cooks and home makers and always had a houseful of children and a yard full of dogs. We had a lot of good intelligent Negroes in Riverside. A lot of people in Columbus today had relatives, grandmothers, etc. who were born out there. Trish Lawrence, my daughter, Sally Hatcher's maid and her cousin, Lyra, John, and Chick Bussey's maid had grandparents who were born at Riverside. I also see in the obituary notices occasionally where some were born in Shack, Georgia which was there before we built Riverside.

Now you may not believe this but this is true. Here in town a class of youngsters in a lower grade school was asked by the teacher, the question, "who owned Hawaii?" One small hand shot up, Mr. Arthur Bussey, of course. Another stir which went all over town was that Uncle Sam paid Father

for the squirrels. I guess a lot of this talk came about because such a large sale of three very fine plantations were almost unheard of in those days. These plantations were south of Upatoi Creek. Ours was the only working plantation. Mr. W.C. Bradley had a very nice, well kept house and overseer's house but none of his family ever lived on his place. We did not get down to the O.C. Bullock's plantation very often but they, too, never lived there.

Have you ever seen a doodle bug? Doodle bugs dwell in very dry soil. You wiggle a straw into a hole and up the bug would come. We never knew what they were good for. We caught lightening bugs and juney bugs. What child has not. We took a dim view of lizards, ants, and spiders.

Father would allow the gypsies to put their colorful wagons in a nearby field. You can imagine the wild stories told about theft and child theft. They never stole anything from us. We never knew how they actually made a living. They would tell your fortune for a paltry sum. They wore gold earrings, a lot of colorful beads, turbans on their black hair. The women's skirts were very full, their blouses colorful with full sleeves. They loved to sing and dance. They always used tambourines. They were really nomads. Their real country has never been established but we do know they came from Europe. Many people thought they came from Rumania. They traveled in groups so they avoided the census. It was estimated to have been one to six million at one time in our country and in Europe. Their rules of conduct are based on Roman religious and philosophical beliefs. They are known to have left India in 1000 A.D. I never knew one of them to go the school but they must have at sometime. During World War II the Nazis murdered thousands of European gypsies. They are now said to be settled down to preserve their native culture.

After my brother Arthur Bussey died of Leukemia in 1916, we had two friends Mr. and Mrs. Silas DeWolf, they were not really related, but we always called them Uncle Silas and Aunt Nellie. They always gave us token presents which they had acquired during some of their numerous travels. They lived in Laredo, Texas, across the border from Mexico. He was a head president of a small railroad, I think it was called Texas-Mexico Railroad. They invited us to spend several weeks with them, they had a very large house, and of course Mexican servants. The yard was full of mesquite, it is a shrub like tree, they were loaded with thorns. We watched the Mexicans make tortillas, they deliver them to the house, they rolled them like a pancake and doused them in butter. They were made of pounded meal. We also saw fields of Texas onions which were gathered by the Mexicans. They are equally as good as the vidalia onions are today. The highlight of this trip for we three children was the train ride from New Orleans to Laredo, you can imagine our excitement traveling by a car and two servants to serve us. It was an overnight trip, the first time any of us had spent on a train.

Our house on 3rd Avenue had been rented from September to September and we had no place to live and we were evicted in 1918, so until 1919 we rented a bungalow on Wildwood Avenue. Extra furniture was stored in the barn. Father, Eleanor and I all had the 1918 flu. Abe Bellamy, the chauffeur, later a policeman in Detroit, washed out the sheets in formaldehyde. We did not know what to do. All in all we survived the loss of a beautiful brother, Arthur, Jr. We survived and will survive again to meet what the future holds in store for us.

CEMETERY #13 (Massey Cemetery)
MUSCOGEE County

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Approximately 450 meters due south of intersection of Buena Vista & Wildcat roads, and thence due east approximately 400 meters.

GRID COORDINATES: 015 - 933

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 50

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9-78

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
MASSEY, Jeer Lee	12 Nov 1935	22 Jul 1936
MASSEY, Robert Henry	20 May 1937	7 Aug 1943
MASSEY, Robert Lee	16 Sep 1869	23 Feb 1930
MASSEY, Sarah Ann Johnson Wife of R. L. Massey	13 Apr 1876	11 May 1929
McGINTY, Leon L.	6 Dec 1896	10 May 1936
McGINTY, Robert	3 Apr 1860	13 Oct 1927
McGINTY, Martha E.	10 Jan 1860	15 Jan 1941
McGINTY, Ralph Dewey	17 Jun 1898	16 Feb 1920
McGINTY, James P.	23 May 1895	28 Jun 1896
McGINTY, Alice (infant)	No date	1890
McGINTY, Oscar L.	5 Aug 1882	15 Jun 1914
OUR BABY	No date	No date
POLLARD, Holton Lee Son of M.J.C. & Susie Pollard	13 Nov 1882	15 Oct 1890

POLLARD Daughter of M.J.C. & Susie Pollard	No date	No date
MASSEY, Dawson L. Son of J.C. & S.V. Pollard	8 Sep 1871	29 Oct 1872
MASSEY, Sarah V. Wife of J.C. Massey	6 Jun 1842	7 Nov 1911
MASSEY, J.C.	17 Jul 1838	4 Sep 1898
MASSEY, Lillie Florence Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Massey	25 Nov 1899	11 Mar 1905
MASSEY, S. Columbus	21 Jun 1870	3 Apr 1939
MASSEY, Allie Brooks Wife of S.Columbus Massey	16 Aug 1877	15 Nov 1957
MASSEY, Sarah Jane	11 Jun 1850	27 Apr 1929
MASSEY, Mary Ann	22 Jan 1840	17 Sep 1916
MASSEY, Warrin Lafayette	1 Sep 1843	3 May 1864
MASSEY, James Washington	1 Oct 1847	4 Sep 1861
MASSEY, James Walton Son of J.C. & S.V. Massey	8 Aug 1867	25 Sep 1914
MASSEY, Thomas Harold Son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Massey	No date	8 June 1950
MASSEY, Thomas Erquet	11 Nov 1886	4 Apr 1928
McDONALD, Mrs. W.C.	15 Nov 1888	25 Mar 1925
MASSEY, Lucy Urana Phelts Wife of W. Yancey Massey	18 Jul 1863	13 Jul 1946
MASSEY, W. Yancey	14 Apr 1861	14 Aug 1933
MASSEY, Sarah D.	1 Jul 1830	27 Dec 1891
MARKED-1 grave, markings were not legible	Unreadable	Unreadable
COOKSEY, Ralph D.	8 Aug 1906	1 May 1942
COOKSEY, Infant Son of W.D. & A.C. Cooksey	No date	29 May 1897
COOKSEY, Infant Son of W. D. & A. C. Cooksey	No date	3 Apr 1900

JOHNSON, Lenora Ann Childs Wife of W. L. Johnson	10 Dec 1849	27 Mar 1930
JOHNSON, William Littleberry	3 Apr 1845	20 Mar 1903
JOHNSON, Robert Alonza	20 Jan 1883	12 Mar 1896
JOHNSON, Forest Mitchell	18 Feb 1885	30 Jan 1896
JOHNSON, Walter Iverson	3 Oct 1892	9 Dec 1917
JOHNSON, Jack William	25 Sep 1872	24 Nov 1920
JOHNSON, John Hillman Infant Son of E.H. & M.M. Johnson	24 Jan 1907	24 Jan 1907
MASSEY, Joseph Warren	23 Feb 1867	16 May 1945
MASSEY, Ola Phelts Wife of Joseph W. Massey	17 May 1871	21 Oct 1956
MASSEY, Alvie James	25 Jul 1898	15 Aug 1908
MASSEY, Connie Schley	4 Jan 1895	27 Nov 1927
MASSEY, Udie Irene	13 Oct 1900	23 May 1941
MASSEY, Joseph Irvin	21 Aug 1902	26 May 1968
HUCKABY, Lewis C.	27 Apr 1904	16 Jul 1936
MASSEY, Elmer Lee	30 Dec 1899	31 Aug 1973
UNMARKED- 1 grave		
MASSEY, Beatrice Parks	18 Feb 1906	30 Oct 1995

CEMETERY #9 (BRITT CEMETERY)
Muscogee County

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: 500 Meters north of intersection of Wildcat and Steam Mill Roads and thence 100 meters east of Wildcat Road. Cemetery badly damaged.

GRID COORDINATES: 008 - 914

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 16

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9 - 51

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Britt, W.D.	6 Apr 1801	17 Apr 1874
BRITT, Bemelnia (spelling of first name hard to read)	No date	12 Sep 1811
BRITT, Louria Catherine (Louria may not be correct - hard to read)	Jan 1814	1887
BRITT Nellie Pitts Daughter of William R. & Julia Britt	19 Nov 1879	6 Jul 1882
BRITT, Benjamin Luther Son of William R. & Julia Britt	3 Dec 1868	19 Jun 1870
MASSEY, Sarah A. Wife of J.M. Massey	29 Jul 1821	2 Nov 1857
INFANT (name not legible)	No date	20 Apr 1849
BRITT, Julia (Infant)	No date	14 May 1849
IN MEMORY OF—LIC BRITTS SON	No date	Jan 1876
IN MEMORY OF—LIC BRITTS DAUGHTER	No date	Apr 1882
UNMARKED - 6 graves		

CEMETERY #5 (TOMLIN CEMETERY)**Muscogee County**

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LOCATION: Intersection of Moye Road and Steam Mill Road.

GRID COORDINATES: 198 - 909

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 29

DISTRICT # and LOT #: 9 - 48

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
ALLEN, J.W.	4 May 1879	9 Apr 1936
CORLEY, Herman F.	21 Aug 1904	26 Aug 1904
ELLIOTT, Nola Melton Wife of Samuel H. Elliott	25 Jul 1891	28 Dec 1970
ELLIOTT, Nolan Daniel	11 Jul 1923	24 Jun 1934
ELLIOTT, Samuel H.	24 Jan 1861	21 Aug 1935
FUSSELL, Infant Daughter of Rufus Cornelius & Alice Massey Fussell	26 Jan 1924	27 Jan 1924
JONES, Martha C.	9 Apr 1857	23 Dec 1941
KELLAM, George W.	15 May 1894	28 Aug 1934
MASSEY, Mary Alice Wife of W.H. Massey	25 Dec 1859	1 Jan 1901
MASSEY, SR., William Henry	23 Jul 1852	14 Dec 1935
MELTON, Eli C.	15 Apr 1907	21 May 1937
McCLUNG, Ednie	27 Dec 1899	5 Oct 1903

McCLUNG, James R. Husband of Mrs. A. O. McClung	28 Nov 1861	27 Jan 1928
REID, Willie Floyd McCord Wife of Ernest Reid	30 Dec 1875	25 Jun 1918
PAWLEY, H.F.	Oct. 1854	May 1908
PAWLEY Wife of H. F. Pawley	25 Dec 1873	24 Jul 1936
REID, Earnest	31 Dec 1874	26 Mar 1912
REIDS Infant son	No date	1909
RHODES, May F.	9 Feb 1922	12 Mar 1929
ROGERS Infant	7 May 1904	7 May 1904
SIMONS, S.B., Sr.	17 May 1848	14 Aug 1925
SMITH, William E.	22 Sep 1859	13 Jul 1929
STILLWELL, G.E.	21 Jan 1887	1 Jun 1936
TOMBLIN, Essie Arlema	19 Nov 1894	19 Nov 1969
TOMBLIN, Georgia C.	1 May 1899	4 Mar 1956
TOMBLIN George W.	16 Mar 1859	6 Apr 1937
TOMBLIN, John R.	31 Dec 1896	19 Oct 1956
TOMBLIN, Laura V. Bozeman	16 Feb 1863	28 Jun 1930
TOMBLIN, Mitchell T.	18 Aug 1901	15 Jun 1961
WILSON, J.H. Husband of Sallie Wilson	18 Sep 1858	15 May 1925

UNMARKED - 15 graves

History of Midway United Methodist Church

by

Midway Church History Committee

The Midway United Methodist Church had its origin in Muscogee County, Georgia in the year 1820. It was located at that time in a small settlement on Buena Vista Road, some 8 1/2 miles east of what would some day be Columbus, Georgia. The city of Columbus had not even been charted. Travel was limited in those early days, due to a lack of good roads. It often would take a full day to go into the settlement on the Chattahoochee River for supplies. Most families only did this two or three times a year.

The church in those days was the center of community life. The activities of every family centered around the church. When services were held people would come from miles around in wagons and on horseback. Since travel was limited, the people remained at church all day. Even the children enjoyed "Preaching Sunday", as it was called in those days, because it would give them an opportunity to be away from their daily chores, and they could be with their friends. Mothers would gather and share different recipes, plan quilting parties, and exchange ideas on homemaking. The men would gather to hear the latest news, compare crops, and tell yarns they had heard via the "grape vine".

The first church structure sat on the north side of Buena Vista Road adjacent to the old cemetery. This church was destroyed by a storm and was rebuilt only to again be destroyed by fire. When it was rebuilt they choose to build on the south side of Buena Vista Road. Nothing remains of the original church, and the only thing left is an old cemetery enclosed by rustic iron fences and surrounded by tall pine trees. In looking about, one can find evidence of a once proud church serving the needs of the settlement called Midway. Bits of broken glass reflect the brilliant sun rays: and rusted, broken, eroded nails protrude from the ground. A rusted window hinge covered with red clay, which once held a shutter firm that kept away prevailing winds, was found. Foundations of decayed brick tell of strength and endurance. Pieces of terra cotta pipe, which once carried the swirling smoke of warm winter fires that smelled of burned oak and pine, into the heavens, can be found. The old road that ran behind the church to the nearby settlement and school still remains today. The spring that once supplied the water for the church, and those living nearby, has long since gone dry.

In walking through the cemetery one can visit the graves of those pioneers of the faith. The names of those buried there still ring throughout the community. Names like Edwards, Comer, Dimon, Ginn, McGuryt, Hamric, Newsome, Anthony, Boland, Gordy, Bell, Hudson, Taylor, Patrick, King, Tolbert, Wynn, Dukes, Watkins, Adams, Lambert, Moye, Brooks, and Hunter are found. Buried there are those who served in the Army of the Confederate States of America. Mr. M.L.F. Comer was a member of Company A, Fifth Georgia Infantry; Mr. E.C. McGuirt was a member of Company C, Thirty-First Georgia Infantry; Mr. Allen S. Tolbert was a member of Company G, Seventeenth Georgia Infantry. During World War I, Mr. George F. Gordy served as a member of Company A, Seventeenth Battalion, United States Guard. The lives of those people still have relevance to the lives of people living today. They were pioneers that set the pace for the generations that followed. Their first love was God, their families, and then their country.

When the new church was constructed on the south side of Buena Vista Road, it was somewhat different from the early church in that it stood beneath a tall oak tree. If you can visualize; a picturesque white frame church, with windows all around and steps running across the front; with a chimney situated in the center of the church, to which was attached an "old pot-bellied stove" for the warmth of the church in the winter months; kerosene oil lamps hanging around the walls; wooden benches hewn from lumber cut from the trees nearby; and an altar at which one could kneel and pray; a pulpit that stood above the congregation; and in the corner an old peddle-pump type organ that furnished music for the worship services; you have captured the vision of the Midway Methodist Episcopal Church South. The church virtually remained the same across the years until it was moved to its present location 4442 Buena Vista Road in 1947.

Mr. Oliver Comer, a member of one of the pioneer families of the church and community, donated the land on which the church currently stands. Materials from the old church were used as much as possible to build the new one. The move was required as the size of Fort Benning was being expanded. It was hard to move as the cemetery with many generations of loved ones had to be left behind.

Mrs. Helen Simons is the senior member of Midway United Methodist Church. When speaking with her, she shared this history of their church that was written by the history committee and dated 17 May 1970. The committee was as follows: Mrs. Charles F. Simons, Chairman, Rev. Rudolph Starling, Mrs. George Horan, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mrs. W. V. Colquitt, Mrs. T. T. Cline, Mrs. Everett E. Rabb, editor. The paper brought the history up to 1970. I, Sylvia J. Horner have only edited it and used basically the older portion of the churches history.

CEMETERY # 10 (Midway Church Cemetery)
Muscogee County
(Midway School was in this area)

Verified by
 Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Buena Vista Road 200 yards west of Wildcat Intersection.

GRID COORDINATES: 009 - 942

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES MARKED: 165

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9 - 54

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
MOYE, Richard Alexander	11 Dec 1877	13 Mar 1967
NEWSOME, Frances M. Wife of Richard A. Moye	26 Mar 1866	2 Mar 1942
COLQUITT, Walter Velmer	15 Feb 1909	10 Oct 1964
COLQUITT, Frances M.	2 May 1911	22 Feb 1991
KING, Thomas Olando (Body relocated to Parkhill Cemetery Columbus, GA.)	30 Jan 1869	8 Jan 1936
CLEMENTS, ETHEL EDWARDS Wife of L.H. Clements	25 Sep 1884	23 Sep 1938
CLEMENTS, Lammie H.	6 Jul 1877	20 Jul 1937
FULTON, Benjamin A.	1860	1927
RAMSEY, Margaret Wife of Benjamin A. Fulton	7 Jan 1865	7 Apr 1947
FULTON, William Benjamin	12 Jan 1890	22 May 1938
EDWARDS, Josephine T.	22 Aug 1855	7 Feb 1934
EDWARDS, J.T.	29 Sep 1849	6 Jun 1908
EDWARDS, A.J.	16 Jan 1816	27 Apr 1900

EDWARDS, W.J.	18 Nov 1878	10 Jul 1903
GRAHAM, Helen Ramsey Wife of W.M. Graham	4 Nov 1886	1 Jun 1914
BRANNON, C. Flem	8 Nov 1867	7 Oct 1939
LIGHTNER, William L.	11 Nov 1930	18 Nov 1930
LIGHTNER, Clark B.	23 Mar 1916	19 Aug 1926
THORNTON, James T.	13 Aug 1905	28 Jul 1934
THORNTON, Mary Nell	4 Nov 1927	7 Jan 1935
SHIREY, Annie Holland Wife of T.H. Shirey	2 Jan 1865	6 Apr 1939
THOMAS, James Henry	8 Oct 1874	1 Oct 1948
THOMAS, James T.	27 Dec 1911	28 Mar 1937
THORNTON, Charlton C.	2 Aug 1909	20 Jun 1970
THORNTON, Mary Francis	14 Sep 1868	7 Nov 1948
THORNTON, John T.	4 Aug 1852	22 Oct 1923
NEWSOME, Aubrey	11 May 1903	18 May 1903
NEWSOME, Maudie	11 Jul 1906	18 Jul 1907
NEWSOME, Ester Anne Clayton Wife of Fred M. Newsome	22 Jun 1882	9 Sep 1946
NEWSOME, Fred M.	26 Apr 1872	2 Aug 1929
COMER, Birdie Ruth Parrish Wife of William R. Comer	1898	1944
COMER, William R.	8 Apr 1891	26 Jun 1965
COMER, Zeta Crooks Wife of William R. Comer	31 Jul 1908	22 Aug 1946
ROBERTS, Mrs. W.D.	12 Oct 1886	22 Feb 1922
HERRING Infant Son of C.B. Herring	N o date	28 Nov 1922

BENN, William T.	24 Jan 1885	10 Mar 1895
BENN, John D.	7 Feb 1875	21 Jan 1897
BENTON, Seleta Frances Henry Wife of Nathan Benton	1840	1883
BENTON, Nathan	1833	1910
BENTON, Nathan Julius	1868	1915
HUNTER, Benton Son of G.P. & S.A. Hunter	1 Apr 1894	4 Feb 1895
DIMON, Louis Abel	23 Nov 1860	1 Jan 1929
HUNTER, Sarah Alice Daughter of Nathan & Frances Benton; Wife of George P. Hunter	13 Jan 1862	8 Feb 1897
HUNTER, Clifford Alice Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George P. Hunter	30 Aug 1889	12 Dec 1907
HUNTER, George P.	10 Sep 1859	17 Jul 1934
HUNTER, Susan Revola Daughter of Nathan & Frances Benton Wife of George P. Hunter	11 Nov 1873	17 Jun 1941
BENTON, Henry Philip Son of Nathan D. & Francis Benton	19 Apr 1877	28 Apr 1949
DIMON, Carrie Benton Wife of Louis A. Dimon	18 Jul 1866	29 Nov 1942
DIMON, Mrs. Sarah M.	1836	1929
HUNTER, John Frederick Son of Julia Hunter	1 Dec 1891	10 Mar 1892
HUNTER, Baby Daughter of James M. & Julia Hunter	6 Jun 1884	6 Jun 1884
HUNTER, Joseph Y.	5 Oct 1857	31 Aug 1883
HUNTER, Virginia (Top of stone knocked off)	31 Jan 1846	24 Apr 1887

HUNTER, Annah M. Mrs. Wife of J.J. Hunter	9 Dec 1822	24 May 1892
HUNTER, J.J.	2 Feb 1907	25 Mar 1884
WHITTON, Elizebeth Wife of George Whitton	No date	Oct. 1883
BROOKS, Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.S. Brooks	No date	No date
BROOKS, Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.S. Brooks	No date	No date
BROOKS, Charley	14 Jan 1882	4 May 1882
BROOKS, Essie	23 Jun 1884	14 May 1886
BROOKS, Sarah E. Wife of A.S. Brooks	5 Feb 1851	21 Mar 1892
BROOKS, Robert Edgar Son of Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Brooks	11 Aug 1876	25 Jul 1891
BROOKS, Alexander Sidney	14 May 1847	8 Jan 1906
BROOKS, Sarah A. Brasch Wife of Sidney Brooks	1860	1945
JOHNSON, Laura Brooks	20 Oct. 1900	26 Aug 1945
AMMONS, Mrs. Virginia (hand written)	No date	6 Nov 1906
HERRING, INFANT Son of Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Herring	No date	16 Mar 1926
GRILHE, Mrs. Charles	13 Nov 1878	14 Dec 1923
WYNN, W.J. Sr.	18 Oct 1872	27 Jan 1900
ADAMS, Mrs. Josie Wynn	8 Sep 1875	28 May 1951
WYNN, Lettie G.	8 Jul 1891	21 Feb 1972
WYNN, Mrs. Emiley	30 Sep 1852	22 Aug 1914
WYNN, James A. C.	24 Aug 1845	1 May 1895
GRILHE, Charles J., Sr.	11 Nov 1872	25 Jul 1943

WYNN, Mary Elizebeth Elder Wife of John E. Wynn, Sr.	24 Jun 1850	19 Aug 1867
WYNN, John E., Sr.	6 Jul 1843	3 Oct 1921
WYNN, Mr. Earnest L.	7 Nov 1872	30 Sep 1921
SCARBROUGH, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth	3 Aug 1870	30 Jan 1935
DIMON, Ollie	19 Aug 1896	16 Apr 1898
SHIREY, Charlie J.	1884	1967
SHIREY, Mary Ella Ware	1893	1968
SHIREY, Teddy Jr.	4 Jul 1933	19 Nov 1936
WARE, Mrs. T.L.	1 Feb 1870	21 Jul 1912
NEWSOME, Adelbert F.	20 Sep 1895	20 Sept 1928
NEWSOME, John T.	18 Jan 1863	5 Aug 1936
NEWSOME, John	25 Apr 1825	6 Oct 1903
NEWSOME, Mary Ann	18 Mar 1839	22 Aug 1916
NEWSOME, Martha Ella	12 May 1839	9 Aug 1939
NEWSOME, Nannie J. Walls Wife of George W. Newsome	18 Sep 1878	18 Jan 1941
NEWSOME, George W.	9 Jul 1878	31 May 1949
TERRY, Cristia	No date	No date
WYNN, Sara Ann Emily Elder Wife of John E. Wynn, Sr.	23 Jul 1852	5 Jan 1928
TERRY, Louisa M.	1870	3 Nov 1933
HAMRIC, Jeremiah	9 Sep 1854	8 Aug 1922
WATKINS, Margrett E.	10 Oct 1852	21 Feb 1923
ADAMS, Julia V.	14 Oct 1857	3 May 1922
ADAMS, Columbus C.	1857	1925

DIMON, Endocia Wife of Philip R. Dimon	27 Nov 1853	5 May 1879
SKINNER, William Joseph	15 Dec 1872	26 Mar 1928
UKES, Charles W.	17 Nov 182	19 Apr 1937
BOLAND, George G. (Woodman of the World)	24 Dec 1867	29 May 1918
McCORD Mary Eppie	12 Oct 1879	23 Jan 1955
SKINNER, D.A. Co C 46 GA INF CSA	No date	No date
HOYLE, Percy Lamar Son of C.B. & L.E. Hoyle	27 Aug 1898	30 May 1899
REESE, Frank R.	9 Nov 1865	2 May 1912
DIMON, Minnie L. Wife of Frank R. Reese	1 Oct 1871	25 Nov 1936
COMER, Frances Adrilla	19 Oct 1884	5 May 1971
COMER, O.A.	1 Aug 1883	6 Apr 1967
COMER, Ada V.	6 Sep 1888	10 Sep 1964
COMER, Mattie	16 Oct 1881	30 Oct 1954
COMER, M.L.F. Co A. 5 GA INF CSA	24 Apr 1848	21 Dec 1933
ANTHONY, Mary Jane Wife of M.L.F. Comer	14 Apr 1851	24 Mar 1928
COMER, Mary B.	17 Dec 1879	18 Nov 1884
ANTHONY, Mark A.	25 Dec 1845	15 Aug 1923
LAMBERT, Nancy Wife of M.A. Anthony	27 Apr 1857	29 Jun 1913
GRIER, Thomas (Aged about 78)	No date	30 Jul 1914
TOLBERT, Allen S. Co C 17th GA INF CSA (Top of tombstone broken off)	27 Apr 1881	17 Feb 1894

SUTTLE, Guy Son of Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Suttle	22 Mar 1894	11 Aug 1901
DAVIS, Henry G.	15 Oct 1884	11 Apr 1895
PATRICK, Oscar E.	7 Jun 1880	14 Apr 1958
PATRICK, Minnie Mae Bigham Wife of Oscar E. Patrick	11 May 1856	16 Apr 1930
BOLAND, Addie Brooks	May 1856	Sep 1904
PATRICK, Sarah Jane McGuyrt Wife of F. M. Patrick	22 Oct 1851	10 Nov 1940
PATRICK, F.M.	30 Jan 1848	23 Nov 1923
TALBOT, H.A.	15 Aug 1846	Dec 1894
ANTHONY, Blanchard US ARMY WW I	13 Apr 1896	21 Dec 1970
ANTHONY, Griggs (aged 23)	8 Jun 1893	17 Jun 1916
ANTHONY, Anna A. Williams Wife of W.A. Anthony	17 Jun 1856	18 Jun 1926
ANTHONY, William A.	20 Aug 1854	30 Sep 1935
ANTHONY, Infant Son of Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Anthony	No date	28 Jun 1941
GORDY, James L.	24 Feb 1895	9 Sep 1895
GORDY, George F. Co A. 17th INF	14 Aug 1888	11 Jan 1919
GORDY, James	20 Mar 1862	16 Dec 1929
GORDY, Vera I.	22 Aug 1902	19 Jul 1931
GORDY, Carl S.	13 Aug 1899	19 Jul 1931
MARTIN, Amanda M.	28 Oct 1880	23 Nov 1971
MARTIN, J.W.	27 Feb 1870	28 Mar 1930
GINN, William C.	6 Jul 1865	5 May 1933
BELL, William B.	21 Jun 1866	11 Feb 1934

BELL, Mrs. W. B.	10 Jun 1865	15 Sep 1932
GINN, Emma Belk	17 Jan 1871	2 Apr 1952
GINN, Samuel A.	23 May 1872	9 Nov 1930
GINN, L.S.	26 Sep 1826	24 Sep 1907
GINN, Me. E.	10 Apr 1834	10 Dec 1907
HUDSON, Mrs. Ella G.	1 Apr 1873	26 Feb 1929
TAYLOR, Mrs. S. A.	18 Dec 1837	12 Mar 1927
TAYLOR, Miles Headstone missing; Info from earlier record; M.T. on foot marker	3 Sep 1822	13 Apr 1883
TAYLOR, Anna	1867	1881
TOLBERT, Baby	23 Jun 1884	23 Jun 1884
TOLBERT, Emma L.	17 Aug 1870	1 Jul 1896
TOLBERT, J.H.	25 Mar 1839	18 Feb 1904
TOLBERT, M. J.	28 Sep 1844	26 Mar 1906
BOLAND, E.J.	1 Jun 1839	22 Dec 1913
McGUYRT, Elijah Gray	2 Mar 1839	13 May 1902
McGUIRT, E.G. Co C 31st GA INF CSA	No date	No date
McGUIRT, Mary E.	25 Oct 1845	13 Jan 1944
McGUYRT, Samuel Elijah	28 Nov 1866	27 Oct 1918
DIMON, Mrs. Arry	16 May 1869	3 Oct 1927
McGUIRT, Silas Wilbur	11 Jun 1884	6 Jan 1939
McGUIRT, Willie D.	22 Apr 1872	28 May 1945
BOLAND, J.W. (Rev.)	12 Jul 1824	5 Dec 1906
BOLAND, M.V.	30 Aug 1847	5 Mar 1927

BOLAND, J.D.	12 Jan 1862	5 Mar 1936
DIMON, Homer	21 Nov 1902	19 Sep 1942
MORAN, Mamie Dimon	11 May 1895	7 Jan 1943
WYNN, Henry F.	21 May 1881	6 Jul 1938
SCOTT, Jerrell	No date	No date
MARAN, Richard Alexander		

COMER, Savannah Augusta (Gussie) Daughter of Marcus L. Comer and Mary Jane Anthony Comer	19 Aug 1886	19 Mar 1980
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UNMARKED GRAVES

Five tombstones are totally unreadable.
Other unmarked graves.

**CEMETERY #8 (Godwin Cemetery)
Muscogee County**

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Approximately 400 meters northwest of intersection of Wildcat and Second
Armored Division Road.

GRID COORDINATES: 000 - 889

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 8

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 7 - 21

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
GODWIN, Sarah	20 Mar 1809	22 Sep 1860
GODWIN, Simeon M.	23 Apr 1797	10 Apr 1852
FISHER, Mary Mrs. Who was born in Richland District S.C.	1792	2 May 1850
McBRIDE, Charley M.	18 Jan 1888	2 Feb 1888
UNMARKED - 4 graves		

CEMETERY # 35 (Eelbeck Cemetery) Chattahoochee County

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Approximately 200 meters south of intersection of Buena Vista Road and
Hourglass Road; thence 100 meters east.

GRID COORDINATES: 110 - 915

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 3

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9 - 242

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
THOMASON, L.F.	22 May 1822	28 Aug 1856
SCHUMPERT, Eliza Wife of Amos Schumpert Dau. of Benjamin H. & Phillis Ann Gray	26 Mar 1824	6 Dec 1849
SCHUMPERT, Randall Son of Amos & Eliza Schumpert	17 Dec. 1839	20 Aug. 1842

**CEMETERY #24 (EMMAUS BAPTIST CEMETERY)
MUSCOGEE COUNTY**

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Just north of Buena Vista Road, approximately 2,000 meters west of intersection
of 2nd Armored Division Road & Buena Vista Road.

GRID COORDINATES: 084 - 926

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 9

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9 - 206

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
FUNDERBURK, Thomas Austin	9 Dec 1861	16 Aug 1934
FUNDERBURK, Martha G.	16 Feb 1863	24 Jan 1897
TAFT, Mennie A.M.	28 May 1835	23 Nov 1891
WILLIS, Robert L.	7 Oct 1857	2 Jan 1934
WILLIS, B.T. Co C 46 GA INF CSA	No Date	No Date
TAFT, Mrs. Arrena B.	19 Jan 1843	26 Sep 1923
TAFT, James M.	21 Apr 1838	17 Dec. 1913
UNMARKED - 2 graves with slab and urns		

WITH THE ARMY OFFICERS AT THE NEW INFANTRY SCHOOL OF ARMS

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With the establishment of the new Infantry School of Arms, Columbus has already been honored with the presence of quiet a number of our army's most brilliant young officers. Quiet a number of them has already become established in their new homes. A complete list was not available, but a partial list follows:

Colonel and Mrs. Eames, Major and Mrs. Paul Jones, and Captain Goodman are now at the Waverly Hotel.

Major and Mrs. Chipman are with Mr. John Booth in Wynnton.

Captain Pratt, Captain Ostrander, Major and Mrs. Perrine, Lieutenant Ward and Lieutenant Moore are at present at the Ralston Hotel.

Captain and Mrs. Watson are with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stephens.

Lieutenant and Mrs. T. A. Kneixi have apartments with Mrs. Tom Coleman.

Lieutenant Rundel and wife and Lieutenant and Mrs. Offley have rented the residence of the Misses Crichton here they are housekeeping.

Lieutenant Raymond H. Newton is with Mr. H. D. Snider in Wynnton.

Lieutenant R. C. Holts and wife are with Mrs. R. W. Edge in Wynnton.

Mrs. B. Y. Hill has rented her apartments to Lieutenant and Mrs. Oliphant. Lieutenant Paul Malone also lives with Mrs. Hill.

Major and Mrs. Poole are with Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger.

Mrs. Geo. Y. Banks has Lieutenant Echardt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Spencer have with them Captain Burus and Lieutenant Echardt.

Colonel and Mrs. Mumma have rented the lovely new home of Dr. and Mrs. Youmans on upper Fourth Avenue.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Dowling are at Dinglewood.

Mrs. Barth and her son Lieutenant Barth are occupying the home of Dr. Cooke.

Sergeant and Mrs. Niccum are with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

**CEMETERY # 18 (ANTHONY CEMETERY)
MUSCOGEE COUNTY**

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Approximately 200 meters east of Red Arrow Road, 1500 meters north of Buena Vista Road.

GRID COORDINATES: 052 - 940

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 6

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 9 - 150

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
ANTHONY, Benjamin Son of S.W. and Mary V. Anthony	26 Jul 1895	28 Jan 1907
ANTHONY, Charlie Lee Son of S.W. and Mary V. Anthony	30 Apr 1887	18 Oct 1906
ANTHONY, Mary Virginia Lambert Wife of S.W. Anthony	20 Sep 1850	19 Apr 1915
ANTHONY, Samuel Wesley Co. C. 46 Regt. GA INF CSA	3 May 1838	19 Mar 1905
ANTHONY, Mary Ann Motley Wife of S. W. Anthony	No date	5 Dec 1872
ANTHONY, Mary W. Daughter of S.W. and Mary A. Anthony	No date	1 Oct 1900

SKETCH OF GEN. H. L. BENNING, IN WHOSE HONOR LOCAL CAMP HAS BEEN NAMED

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The following excellent sketch of the late General Henry Lewis Benning, for whom the local army camp, the Infantry School of Arms, has been officially named, was prepared by Hon. Lueius H. Campbell, president of the Columbus Historical Society, and will be read with absorbing interest.

Brigadier General Henry Lewis Benning was born in Columbia county, Georgia, April 2, 1814. After thorough preparation in the best schools of his native state he entered the University of Georgia at Athens in August 1831, from which he was graduated in 1834, being awarded the first honors in a class noted for men of eminence and distinction in after life.

In September of the same year he began the study of law at Talbotton, Ga., in the office of George W. Towns (afterwards member of congress and governor of the state), and was admitted to the bar in May 1835, at Columbus, which was then his home. Being a young man of fine intellectual endowments, honorable ambition and the most indefatigable industry, he quickly began to rise in his profession. In 1837 he was appointed by Governor McDonald solicitor general of the Chattahoochee circuit to fill a vacancy, and in 1838 was elected by the general assembly for a full term of four years.

Upon his marriage in the fall of the next year, with Mary Howard, only daughter of Colonel Seaborn Jones, a very eminent lawyer of Columbus, he resigned his position and formed a partnership with Colonel Jones in the practice of law.

In 1850 he and Martin J. Crawford and James N. Ramsey were delegates to the southern convention at Nashville, Tenn. In the fall of 1853 when less than 40 years of age he was elected one of the justices of the supreme court of Georgia, a position he held for the full term of six years. His decisions are noted for clearness, ability and loyalty to the best settled legal principle. "He was a man of absolutely crystal truth. he had a candor and directness proverbial. He spoke with a low guttural tone and syllabic precision that heightened the effect of his manly force of character." In December 1860, he was elected by the people of his county a member of the convention of Georgia. He was sent as commissioner to the Virginia convention in January, 1861.

In August 1861, Henry Benning entered the Confederate service as Colonel of the seventeenth Georgia regiment, and for some time was in command of Toombs' brigade of the army of Virginia. In little more than a year from his enlistment he was promoted to brigadier general, and he was frequently in command of Hood's famous division of the first corps. participating with gallantly in the battles of Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chiekamauga, Wilderness, Thoroughfare Gap, Malvern Hill, Lookout Valley, Fort Loudon, Knoxville, Petersburg, Farmville and other bloody engagements.

He was greatly distinguished for coolness and daring, and particularly for a sturdy steadfastness, which won for him the admiring title of "Old Rock." Nothing delights his old comrades

more than to recall the many anecdotes of his sturdy heroism; his wonderful defense of Devil's Glen at Gettysburg; they broke on either side of him, but never moved "Old Rock." How he held the bridge at Sharpsburg; they sent a whole corps against him in vain. At Chickamauga more than one horse was killed under him. Finally he cut one out of a captured battery and mounted him bareback; "wait, general, let us get a saddle!" cried his men. "Hell! Who wants a saddle?" We got them going. Keep 'em going! There is no time to saddle--a horse. A spent ball hit him at Chickamauga and another time a sharp-shooter wounded him in the shoulder--a wound that troubled him ever after.

He would say in his whimsical way, "Talk about brave men--shot in the back every time, myself. Everyone knew he was taking care of his men--never of himself. It was in the second day's fight at the Wilderness that he was so severely wounded in his shoulder. He was in command of his Georgia brigade at the surrender of General Lee's army, and though greatly reduced in numbers, it was in fine discipline and ready for duty, "all present or accounted for."

Colonel James W. Waddell of the twentieth Georgia states in a touching and eloquent tribute to his friend and old commander, that "later on in the war he rose to the rank of major general. Among the last official autographs of John C. Breckenridge was his signature as secretary of war to Benning's commission."

At the close of the war this undaunted man addressed himself to the arts of peace, returning to Columbus and resuming the practice of his profession, which, fortunately was large and lucrative. His sisters children, his brothers children, his uncle's family, broken in fortune and orphaned, were sheltered and cared for as his own. During the remainder of his life he was as loyal to his oath of allegiance as he had been true to his convictions of right and his sense of duty, in espousing the Confederate cause.

General Benning was one of Nature's noblemen, formed in her finest mould and most lavish prodigality. As an attorney he was open, candid and fair; as a jurist spotless and impartial; as a warrior and patriot, brave, disinterested and sincere; as a man and citizen, his whole life produced in those who knew him the constant vibration of those chords which answer to all that is true and noble--generous and manly. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood, quite six feet tall, and noble presence and bearing. He preferred to ride a white horse in battle, and where his men could see the flash of that conspicuous leader, they followed, reckless of shot and shell. After a short and sudden illness, he died in Columbus, Ga., July 10, 1875.

"On Fame's eternal camping ground, His silent tent is spread."

Following are General Benning's descendants and blood relations now in our country's service.

General Benning's son, Seaborn Jones Benning, died unmarried from the effects of two severe wounds during the war. General Benning's five daughters are prominent members of the Colonial Dames and are actively working in Red Cross, liberty loan and all other war work. This is also true of his nieces and grand nieces, for the flame of patriotism burns bright on this family altar. The following is the roll of men:

Grandsons--Henry Benning Crawford, services to the government and while waiting orders building the artillery camp at Columbia, S.C. having been engaged previously on Camp Jackson, S.C. and Southern Field, Ga.

Henry Benning Spencer, vice president of Southern Railway now with Secretary McAdoo.

Vivian Spencer, Herbert L. Hull, and Benning Hull, registered for service.

Grand nephews--Henry Benning Patterson, Ordinance Department Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.; M.L. Patterson and W.O. Patterson registered for service.

J. Norman Pease, Lieutenant Colonel Quartermaster Corps, Washington D.C.; Leonard Pease of the U.S. Transport "Proteus"; Lieutenant Jack Jones Pease, Ellington Field, Texas; Vivian Howard Pease, Sergeant in the Engineer Corps, France; Lieutenant Henry Benning Pease, artillery, France; Louis Garrard Pease, 17 years of age, trying to get in the Navy; Mary Louisa Pease volunteer for Red Cross nurses training school; Edwin Bradley Bruce, U.S. Navy; Walter Bruce, aviation school; Willmer Green, U.S. Army.

CEMETERY # 2 (MASSEY CEMETERY) CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Off Santa Fe Road between the hospital and 1st Division Road.

GRID COORDINATES: 956 - 830

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 34

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 7 - 87

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
PARKMAN, William H. Pemberton's Company GA CAL CSA	No Date	No Date
PARKMAN, Daniel Born Chestfield District, South Carolina	24 Mar 1776	24 Aug 1854
MASSEY, L. S.	1830	29 Dec 1883
MASSEY, W.M.	5 Oct 1855	5 Oct 1881
MASSEY, Emma C. Daughter of G.S. & Savannah L. Massey	6 Aug 1860	13 Aug 1863
MASSEY, Margaret E. Daughter of George S. & S. L. Massey	6 Jan 1858	13 Dec 1859
HORNE, W.T. Died Branchville S.C.; in service; 46 REG GA VOL CSA Son of J. & J.S. Horne	2 Jan 1836	25 May 1862
JAMES, Margaret Born Stewart County Georgia Wife of John James	10 Dec 1835	29 Oct 1907
FARR, James A. Co B 6 GA MIL CSA	No Date	No Date

UNMARKED - 25 graves

CEMETERY # 7 (HARMONY CHURCH CEMETERY) CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

Verified by
Sylvia J. Horner

LOCATION: Harmony Church. South of 1st Division Road about 1/2 Mile south off Highway 27.

GRID COORDINATES: 003 - 837

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAVES: 82

DISTRICT # AND LOT #: 6 - 217

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
McBRIDE, Fred (Age 61)	No date	16 Sep 1914
ODOM, Lena	14 Feb 1890	9 Dec 1891
McBRIDE, Charity (Our Mother) Age 70 yr	No date	18 May 1907
McBRIDE, Georgia Ida Dau. of Earnest & Ida Mae Mc Bride	10 Nov 1910	19 Nov 1910
McBRIDE, Ida Mae Wife of Earnest McBride	5 Jan 1894	11 Nov 1910
COBB, Surry (Age 61)	No date	3 Apr 1913
SCHLEY, Bill	1845	29 Dec 1911
McBRIDE, G.A.	7 Jun 1854	8 May 1909
McBRIDE, Mrs. G.A.	2 Mar 1858	21 Apr 1918
WALL, Emma Lester	22 Dec 1849	22 Jun 1917
WALL, Robert M.	11 Feb 1850	7 Oct 1944
LAMB, Willard	No date	No date
LAMB, Schley	No date	No date

MORRIS, Mrs. Nancy A. Wife of H. G. Morris (age 61)	No date	22 Nov 1879
MORRIS, Henry G. Born in Rutherford, NC	25 Jan 1811	10 Jan 1897
STEPHENS, Mattie J. nee Morris nee Lester 54 years, 3 months, 23 days	No date	7 Jul 1900
LESTER, James M.	4 Jun 1813	3 Nov 1887
LESTER, Elizabeth	22 May 1814	24 Sep 1893
McBRIDE, Elvie Daughter of Louisiana Lester & Wm McBride	27 Feb 1888	20 May 1916
DANIEL, Nettie Lou McBride Wife of W.P. Daniel	3 Sep 1871	5 May 1892
McBRIDE, Louisiana L. Wife of W. J. McBride	27 Feb 1848	10 Jun 1913
McBRIDE, William J. Pemberton's Indpt CO GA CAV CSA	1847	1915
McBRIDE, Wm. Son of Mary Annie Wall & Wm McBride Sr.	15 Dec 1847	29 Mar 1915
REISER, Lillie May Daughter of Louisiana Lester & Wm. McBride Jr. Wife of Carleton Reiser	16 May 1890	8 May 1940
McBRIDE, Ida Daughter of M.J. McBride	7 Jul 1863	25 Oct 1887
McBRIDE, Mary A. Wife of W.J. McBride	3 Sep 1827	13 Jul 1883
McBRIDE, W.J.	22 Oct 1821	9 May 1898
McBRIDE, W.J. Pemberton's Indpt. CO GA CAV	1821	1898
McBRIDE, Annie Florence Daughter of Louisiana Lester & Wm. McBride Jr.	11 Jan 1876	22 Jun 1927
DODSON, Valera Dent	2 Sep 1856	12 Oct 1909

GAFFORD, Minnie L. Wife of C.A. Gafford	25 Feb 1880	25 Jan 1961
GAFFORD, James T. Born in Meriwether Co., GA.	15 Apr 1848	11 Jan 1914
GAFFORD, Mary E. Wife of J.T. Gafford	7 Aug 1854	28 Jul 1906
GAFFORD, Ocie J. Daughter of J.T. & M.E. Gafford	18 Oct 1883	28 Sep 1887
GAFFORD, Myrtle May Daughter of J.T. & Mary E. Gafford	14 Aug 1890	23 Oct 1890
VAN HORN, Lucy A. Daughter of Hubbard & Emily Van Horn	25 Oct 1859	9 Feb 1925
LESTER, Mary J. Daughter of Hubbard & Emily Van Horn	28 Mar 1847	10 Nov 1922
VAN HORN, Hubbard Born: Delaware Co., New York Died: Chattahoochee Co., GA.	20 Sep 1818	13 Dec 1884
VAN HORN, Nancy Emily Born Edgefield SC	16 Aug 1819	10 Jul 1879
CHRISTIAN, Elizabeth Brown Wife of T.W. Christian	22 Oct 1818	23 Jul 1899
CHRISTIAN, Thomas Wynn Born Edgefield SC	4 Oct 1821	31 May 1906
CHRISTIAN, Mary J.E. Wife of T.W. Christian	23 Nov 1827	30 Dec 1860
CHRISTIAN, Infant Son of T.W. & E.B. Christian	No date	Jan 1870
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PAYNE, ELIZABETH (Stone set by daughter, Mrs. F.A. Grim)	No date	1879
CHRISTIAN, Joseph T. Son of Thomas & Lucy Christian Born in Edgefield, SC	2 Jul 1831	26 Oct 1868

CHRISTIAN, Lucy N. Wife of Thomas Christian Born in Lunenburg Co, Va	9 Sep 1794	11 Jan 1876
CHRISTIAN, Frances Elizabeth Daughter of Thomas & Lucy Christian Born in Edgefield, SC	2 Jul 1874	23 Aug 1899
CHRISTIAN, Thomas Born in Dinwaddie Co, Va	7 Mar 1791	25 Mar 1863
FULLER, Lilla Mae Daughter of R.A. & D.A. Fuller	4 Jul 1886	26 Nov 1888
CHRISTIAN, Abner M. (Headstone broken)	27 Sep 1826	7 Aug 1905
CHRISTIAN, Johanna E.	8 Apr 1829	11 Aug 1907
CHRISTIAN, Sarah J.	30 Dec 1860	29 Dec 1908
DALTON, Infant Infant of J.T. & Alice Dalton	No date	1906
WILLIS, Grigg Son of Mr. & Mrs. John L. Willis	1 Nov 1890	21 Oct 1891
GAFFORD, Charlie A. Husband of Minnie L. Gafford	21 Aug 1878	4 Feb 1961
McBRIDE, Thomas Olon	3 Jun 1888	7 Sep 1892
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FARR, Mary Age 78 yrs 11 mo 13 days	No date	25 Jun 1890
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RAY, Benjamin T.	10 Jan 1877	23 Mar 1913
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RAY, William D.	22 Apr 1848	8 Jun 1907

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MORLEY, WILSON M.	7 May 1876	25 Dec 1906
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BOWLES, Eliza A. Brown Born in Lincoln Co Ga Daughter of Robert & Sarah Brown	22 Oct 1815	17 Feb 1883
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GORDY, Mary E. Daughter of G.G. & F.G. Gordy	11 Jul 1878	18 Jan 1880
GORDY, Robert E.	12 Feb 1876	10 Oct 1905
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GORDY, G.G.	10 Jan 1847	14 Jan 1922
PSALMONDS, Eula Gordy Wife of F.B. Psalmonds	30 Nov 1870	13 Oct 1949
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McCAULEY, Lillian Madeline (child)	No date	9 June 1922
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McBRIDE, Charity

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NOTE: Additional graves marked---no names visable.

Queries

HIGDON, BRYANT. Seeking information on Daniel Higdon whose wife Mary Bryant Higdon applied and received surviving widow pension and land. She appeared before Judge Alfred Iverson in Superior Court of Muscogee County on the twenty-ninth of May 1851. Daniel died Dec. 1, 1846. Children of this marriage: Mahala, Letty, and Rhoda. Phillip Higdon is listed as also living in Muscogee County.
Ida Clemons, P.O. Box 747, Millbrook, Al 36054.

GARRETT, WILSON. Am researching Garrett. Rena Mae b. ca 1865 Ga Married Henry David Wilson 1888 in Columbus, Ga. Rena Mae had brothers Joseph b. 1847 and Jim b. ca 1850 and sister Annie. Her fathers name was listed James on Rena's death certificate, mother unknown. Brother Joseph was killed in train accident in Ga. Rena Mae's children were all born in Russell Co, Al.
Mrs. Gladys Stephens, 311 Airport Rd., Broken Bow, Ok. 74728.

KING/DUBOSE : Wish to correspond with anyone researching Pre-1800 King family members in Surry and Sussex Co., Va. Jointly publishing a book with Ken Thomas, Jr. on Joel King (1750-abt. 1824), Georgia Rev. War Soldier, and his descendants. His son John King (1785-1844) and wife Elizabeth Dubose (1793-1861) settled in Talbot Co., Ga. about 1830. Interested in corresponding with descendents of any of their twelve children. Many of these settled in the Columbus, Ga./ Phenix City, Ala.area.
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